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In Memoriam
of our late Patron,
His Most Gracious Majesty
King Edward VII.

The sad news of the death of His Majesty King Edward VII. came while this Report was passing through the press. Profound as is the public grief on this occasion, this Institution in particular laments the loss of a true friend, as the late King always took a warm interest in the welfare of the Blind, and by his patronage of the College, greatly helped the Institution in its pioneer work.

When Prince of Wales, he visited the College in 1879, accompanied by the Princess, who graciously distributed the prizes. This visit and the following remarks by His Royal Highness on that occasion, helped to secure increased support :—

“This Institution is one well worthy of support by the community at large. There is no doubt that amongst the many misfortunes which may happen, under the will of God, to any of us, none can be greater than the loss of sight. It is therefore our duty to help those who find themselves in that unfortunate predicament. At this College, by careful tuition, you give them the means to enable them in setting out in life, not to be thrown on the care of relatives and friends, but to be able to shift for themselves.”

Again in 1886, when a party of pupils were going to America to give a series of Concerts, a performance of their programme was commanded at Marlborough House, thus

enabling them to undertake the tour under the best possible auspices.

In 1890, during a week's Display of the National Physical Recreation Society at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, the late King attended several times, and congratulated the College Authorities on the physical work of the team of blind students from the Royal Normal College.

In 1907, King Edward VII., accompanied by Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria, and the Landgraf of Hesse attended a Concert and Gymnastic Display given by the students of the College in the Albert Hall, in order to show to the public how heartily he approved of the College training. On the next day the following letter was received :—

Buckingham Palace,

5rd June, 1907.

Dear Dr. Campbell,

I am desired by the King and Queen to inform you that they were much pleased with the Concert and Gymnastics given by your School this afternoon.

Their Majesties thought the former was excellent, and the performance extremely good, while they considered the latter as being simply wonderful. It is easy for them to perceive that the training, whether it regarded the music or the gymnastics, has evidently attained a high standard.

I must add that the King and Queen were also much gratified by all of the arrangements, which could not indeed have been better I hear.

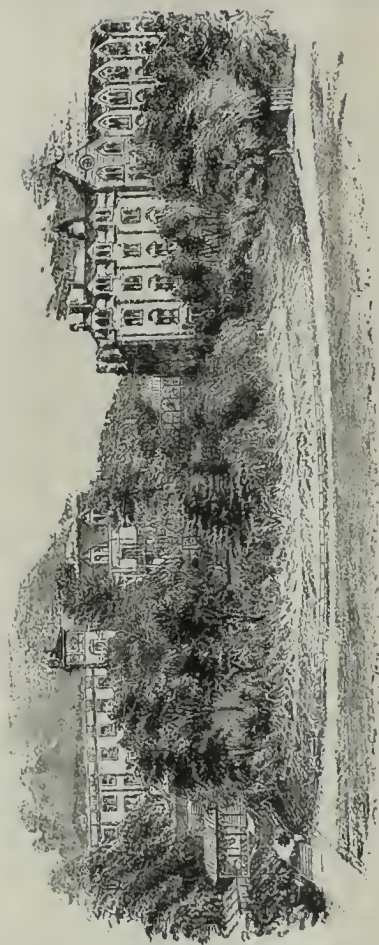
Yours very truly,

(Signed) KNOLLYS.

“AMONG so many excellent Institutions, it is hardly fair to single out one for special notice, but the work done at the Royal Normal College for the Blind, Norwood, in developing the physical and mental powers of the inmates, and training them to occupations in which they can earn a living, seems to us exceptionally helpful.

“A good charity will always be supported, provided it is carried on with economy and courage.”

FROM *The Statist*.



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Prospectus for 1910 and 1911.

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Musical Recitals.—Subscribers and donors will, upon application, receive tickets entitling them for twelve months from payment of subscription or donation to attend the Professors' Pianoforte and Organ Recitals on the first Friday and third Tuesday of any month, except August, September, and January.

These Recitals are held between 5.30 and 6.15 p.m. in the Gardner Hall of the College.

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Collecting Cards for friends interested in aiding our national work may be obtained from the Principal.

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and September. These Scholarships are open to the young Blud of Eugland and Wales over the age of sixteen. As vacaneies not infrequently occur between the dates of the regular examinations, it is most important that parents and friends of intending candidates should have them examined as early as possible, so that their names may be entered on the Scholarship register.

Candidates will be required to read and write Braille with facility and correctness; have a sufficient knowledge in arithmetic to take them through decimals and perecentage; in geography, a knowledge of the United Kingdom and of the British Colonies; in English, be able to write an essay on any ordinary subject, while in literaturc credit will be given for knowledge of any standard book in prose or poetry. The above subjects are essential, but credit will also be given for praetieal knowledge in other subjects.

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The College has sustained a severe loss in the death of the Right Hon. Viscount Selby, formerly Speaker of the House of Commons, who succeeded the Right Hon. James A. Campbell as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and the following resolution well expresses the estimation in which he was held by all :

“ That the Executive Committee of the Royal Normal College Lord Selby.
for the Blind desire to convey to the family of the late Lord Selby their deepest sympathy with them in their bereavement. Unique knowledge of affairs, generous zeal for the welfare of the College, and the tact, courtesy, and kindness of a Christian gentleman, combined to win for Lord Selby our warm affection and respect. Lord Selby was beloved by all with whom he came in contact, and the loss of his wise counsel and kindly guidance as Chairman of the Committee will be a very severe deprivation to the Institution and the welfare of the Blind which he had so much at heart.”

We have also lost two other valued and generous friends, Mrs. W. J. Armitage.
Mrs. W. J. Armitage, and Mr. John Phillips Coldstream.

In the year 1871 Sir Francis Campell made the acquaintance of Dr. Armitage at a Meeting of the Indigent Blind Visiting Society, and was asked by him to remain in England, and introduce some of the methods of training which had proved successful in America. After visiting many schools it was found that for various reasons none of them were willing to make innovations. Dr. Armitage then suggested the establishment of a new school as an experiment, offering to give £1,000 if £2,000 more could be obtained. In order to arouse interest in the new scheme some towns in the North of England were visited, among

them Leeds, where a meeting was held in July, 1871 at which Mr. W. J. Armitage, the brother of Dr. Armitage presided. He and his wife, who took an active interest in all philanthropic work, always subscribed liberally to the funds of the College. The first two pupils entered through their instrumentality in March, 1872, and these lads, after finishing their course, obtained good appointments with pianoforte firms in Leeds. Among other pupils supported by Mrs. Armitage was a young Syrian who arrived at the College one Christmas evening, and said, "I have come all the way from Syria to get an education, and I am sure you will not turn me away." As there was no fund that could be used for such a case, Mrs. Armitage generously supplied the money for his training. He is now a successful man of business, and has often lent a helping hand to start other pupils. While Mrs. Armitage lived in Chelsea, she held drawing-room meetings for the purpose of interesting her friends in our work. She passed away on December 30th. The following tribute was written by one who knew Mrs. Armitage intimately :

"She was a woman of remarkably high character and of many and varied gifts. Dowered with a singularly clear head, with a large, generous heart, a wide outlook upon the world, with a tolerance that embraced all who loved our Lord Jesus Christ, she used all in His service. Where she loved she gave. It may be said with absolute truthfulness that there are hundreds of men now serving in the ministry of the English Church who owe everything to her. These are scattered all over the world. Her capacity for taking pains was truly wonderful. The vast number of persons of all ranks of life and the Institutions which she supported with her ample means could testify to the trouble she took to keep in touch with all they were doing. Allied to exceptional intellectual qualities were those most precious gifts of love and sympathy. Few people could so readily and lovingly throw themselves into the place of others as she could. She gave

largely of her means to all sorts of Missionary Societies, but she rarely gave money without knowing all about the work and the persons who carried it on. The world is vastly poorer without her. Her loving, true, large heart is now still. Her activities here have come to an end. But she will live again

“In minds made better by her presence; live
In pulses stirred to generosity,
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn
For miserable aims that end with self.”

D. A.

Mr. John Phillips Coldstream, writer to the Signet, died in December, at the age of 67. For some years he held the appointment of one of the Clerks of Session in Edinburgh, and also devoted much attention to the teaching of his profession. For some years he lectured in Edinburgh University on Sheriff Court Practice, and so paved the way for the establishment of a permanent Lectureship. He also published a useful manual on that branch of legal work. During the later years of his life, Mr. Coldstream devoted much attention to means of bringing legal redress within reach of the very poor, and through his efforts there was established in 1900 the Edinburgh Legal Dispensary, which has proved a most useful institution. For a considerable number of years he resided in London where he devoted himself to charitable and philanthropic work.

Mr. John
Phillips
Coldstream.

In the autumn of 1871, the Principal visited Edinburgh, and Mr. Coldstream, who was already interested in the education of the Blind, became Secretary of the Edinburgh Scholarship Committee. Through his efforts and that of his Co-Secretary, Mr. Burn Murdoch, a sufficient sum of money was raised to send six pupils to the College, and they entered during the Spring of 1872. Up to the time of his death, Mr. Coldstream remained Secretary, and was helpful in starting the pupils in business when they finished their education.

The Knighthood of Sir Francis Campbell.

The Committee are gratified to announce that His Majesty the King has conferred the honour of Knighthood upon the Principal of the College. This recognition of the work that has been accomplished during the last 37 years by the Royal Normal College, under the able guidance of the Principal and his wife, and of the influence which it has exerted on the education and training of the Blind throughout the civilised world, has given great pleasure not only to the Blind, but also to all who are working for their welfare. When the honour was announced, letters, telegrams, and cablegrams were received from former pupils, members of the Executive and Ladies' Committees, the General Council, the Committees of various Institutions and Societies for the Blind, and the Superintendents of Schools on behalf of their pupils, as well as personal friends. In all the messages from the Blind or those working for them, one sentiment prevailed, that the honour was shared by them all, and would give a new impetus to the cause of the Blind.

Among the congratulations the following was sent by Mr. Knoishi, Director of the National School for the Blind and Deaf in Tokyo, Japan :—" The honour of Knighthood will not only shine on you, but will also be reflected on all workers for the Blind throughout the world. I esteem, Haüy, Braille and you. Sir Francis, as the three great lights of the Blind world. May you be long preserved and your influence remain for ever."

Another from Mr. Torii, Director of the Kyoto Blind and Deaf School, the oldest School for the Blind in Japan :—" We who have long been receiving your guidance and inspiration, greatly rejoice to hear the news of your being honoured by your King, which means high recognition of your work. May the blessing of God rest on you for ever."

From Mr. A. W. Hendry, Manager of the Royal Institution for the Blind, South Australia :—" We, on this side of the world, join in congratulating Sir Francis and Lady Campbell on the well-merited honour conferred upon them for the splendid work which they unitedly have accomplished for the Blind. The Board of Management of this Institution and of the Blind of South Australia, send sincere and heartfelt congratulation to Sir Francis and Lady Campbell. It is needless for me to state that the name of Dr. Campbell is well known amongst the Blind on this side of the world, and it was with a thrill of pleasure that we learnt from the cable messages that the leader of the Blind had been signally recognised and honoured."

A complimentary dinner to Sir Francis and Lady Campbell was arranged by Mr. Henry J. Wilson, Secretary of the Garduer Trust, Rev. St. Clare Hill, Superintendent of the School for the Blind, Leatherhead, and Mr. Henry Stainsby, Secretary of the British and Foreign Blind Association, to take place at the Holborn Restaurant. On October 22nd, in the absence, through illness, of Lord Selby, who had promised to preside, Lord Kinnaird took the Chair. Sir William Mather, in proposing the toast of Sir Francis and Lady Campbell, said :—

" I esteem it a great honour to have been asked to propose this toast.

" Perhaps no one can testify to the heroic self-sacrifice of Dr. Campbell in the early years of his struggle here so fully as I can. Had he not possessed that faith which is symbolized by the power to move mountains, hundreds of our countrymen might have sat in the darkness and shadow of death, groping literally through life, hopeless and useless.

" The qualities of genius, enthusiasm and common sense, each in a high degree, have been manifested in Dr. Campbell's long life, which he has devoted wholly to the emancipation of the Blind in a country not his own.

“ Dr. Campbell arrived 40 years ago, determined to establish an Institution which should prove that the Blind ought not to be denied the opportunities provided for sighted people—and he has proved his case. But it has required his whole life. He has given to us what his own country might reasonably have begrudged, were it not that during that long period the relations between America and Great Britain have become so intimate and cordial, that we can interchange an institution and our citizens even without jealousy.

“ So it comes about that the American citizen, Dr. Francis Campbell, has become the British citizen, ‘ Sir Francis Campbell, LL.D.,’ and he is equally honoured by both countries.

“ In proposing the toast of Sir Francis Campbell’s and Lady Campbell’s health and happiness through long years to come, I venture to express the hope that renewed efforts will be made by all who know what a mighty work they have done for us, to place the Royal Normal College for the Blind in a strong position and permanently free from debt.

“ This, and this only, will make our distinguished guest and now fellow-citizen really happy, and enable him to enjoy the full measure of reward from his noble and unselfish life.”

Mr. H. J. Wilson, in seconding, spoke as follows :—

“ We who are interested in the Blind heartily congratulate Sir Francis on the honour conferred on him by the King, not only as an honour thoroughly deserved by the Doctor, but also as a recognition of the work which is being carried on for the benefit of the Blind.

“ As Secretary of Gardner’s Trust, it has been my pleasure and privilege to have been in constant touch with Sir Francis for over a quarter of a century, and perhaps few men have had such an opportunity as I have, for seeing the inner working of the Royal Normal College, and especially the part taken by its Principal.

“The success of that College has been phenomenal, and it is due mainly to one man and his valued consort.

“In my opinion, his success in training the Blind is attributable to his personal interest in the individual student. Many a time has he come to my office to discuss the merits or demerits of a particular Gardner scholar, and to consider what was the best course to pursue.

“And here, parenthetically, I would remark that Sir Francis is always most anxious to give every pupil the fullest and fairest trial, and nothing gives him more sorrow than to have one who does not realize, and does not make use of, the great opportunities offered, and to have to suggest that his scholarship should be withdrawn. To obtain appointments for his students on leaving College, nothing stands in his way, and few know how many times he has rushed off at a moment's notice on hearing of a suitable post, to press the claims of a student, whether it be in the North of England or Scotland, or even Ireland. On such an occasion distance is no impediment—John O'Groats and the Land's End are but Metropolitan suburbs to the Doctor. This, my Lord, is not a terminological inexactitude, but a stubborn fact not known as much as it ought to be.

“In conclusion, I wish to say that it appears to me that he has set before himself service and co-operation with God as his highest ideal and ambition—to do something, to be something as long as he lives, not selfishly for himself, but unselfishly for others, and especially for those similarly afflicted—in fact to help to make the world better and happier for his life. As Ruskin says: ‘Every noble life leaves the fibre of it interwoven for ever, in the work of the world.’ The Doctor's philanthropic acts and kind assistance by word and deed will never be known on this side the grave, but for years to come the Royal Normal College will stand as a monument to his brilliant initiative, and as an eloquent testimony of his ability and skill.”

Annual Report of the Royal Normal College.

The year 1909 has been quite up to the standard of previous years in the matter of work, and in respect to a better *esprit de corps* there has been a decided improvement.

Pupils.

The average number of pupils was 140, but it is a matter of regret that many of the pupils do not enter the College until they are sixteen. If music is to be the profession by means of which a livelihood is to be earned, it is important that this musical instruction should begin at an earlier age.

Certificates and
Diplomas.

The following Certificates and Diplomas have been gained during the year :—

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

Training College Certificates.

Second year	..	..	..	Margaret Sullivan.
„	Cissie Till.
„	Harold Bentley.

TYPEWRITING DEPARTMENT.

Certificate	Julia Titley.
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MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF ORGANISTS—

Associateship	Edward Austiu.
„	..	..	..	Alfred Thompson.
Fellowship	..	..	..	Leslie Kenny.
„	John Lawson.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC—

Licentiateship for Singing	Leslie Kenuy.
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DURHAM UNIVERSITY—

Arts Examination and First Examination for Degree of Bachelor of Music ..	William Laurie. Victor Spanner.
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ROYAL NORMAL COLLEGE—

Pianoforte and Singing	Edith Best.
“ “ “ “ “ “	Nellie Owen.

PIANOFORTE TUNING DEPARTMENT.

Certificates	Stanley Amos.
“	John Appleyard.
“	Roland Catherall.
“	William Hardwick.
“	James Hepworth.
“	Duncan Hunter.
“	Sidney Robinson.

PHYSICAL DEPARTMENT.

Royal Life Saving Society's Awards—

Medallion	Cyril Harrison.
Proficiency Certificates	William Bodger.
“ “ “ “ “ “	William Waterman.
“ “ “ “ “ “	Charles Welham.
“ “ “ “ “ “	Leslie Wrenn.

Cissie Till and Margaret Sullivan, who passed the Training College Examination, returned for further practice in teaching, but the latter has just obtained an appointment. Harold Bentley is employed by the Education Council of Nottingham in their Classes for blind children. Julia Titley has a good position as a shorthand typist and is giving satisfaction. The young men who took the Examinations at Durham University and the Royal College of Organists are continuing their studies. Edith Best and Nellie Owen returned home and have begun teaching. Of the young men who took Tuning Certificates, Amos was immediately

employed by a Baker Street firm, Hardwick obtained a situation after a few weeks, and Robinson and Hepworth have made a good beginning. Hunter writes :—" I started in September on my own account. I have tuned quite a number of pianos and my connection is growing. I have also some pupils on the pianoforte with prospect of others." Catherall took his Certificate at the end of December.

Training
College
Graduates.

Ada Foyster left in July to take a position as stereotyper to the British and Foreign Blind Association. Elsie Bausor secured a position as Governess. We give an extract from her first letter : " Please do not think that I have forgotten all about you and the dear old College because I have not written to you before this. I have really been waiting until I could report some progress on the part of my pupil. He has started to read *Prince Edward Reader*, and is quite delighted that he can now read stories. He has also learnt all his figures and signs and can work sums on the type-board. His mother is very pleased with the progress he is making and he is certainly quicker than at first. Every one is exceedingly kind to me."

At the present time it is difficult to find appointments for students who take the Training College Course, and pass the Examination of the Board of Education for a Teacher's Certificate. We were glad therefore to receive the following letter from Gertrude Clements, who left in 1908 : " You will be pleased to know that I am very happy in my situation, and my little pupil is progressing satisfactorily. She is eleven years old and is only partially blind. I give her lessons every morning from 9.45 to 12.45. In the afternoons, she prepares her lessons for the next day. I have ten days' holiday at Christmas and Easter, and four to five weeks in the summer. My salary is £35 a year. I have six music pupils and am expecting two more." Mary Balls, who also left in 1908, taught for a short time at the College, but now has a permanent appointment in the School for the Blind at Southsea. This makes a total of fifty-six ex-pupils teaching in

Schools and Classes for the Blind, and eight are working for different Home Teaching Societies.

We send out a circular letter every Christmas giving an account of the events in the life of the College that are of interest, and in 1901 and 1906 we published a large number of replies from former pupils and their employers. We are glad to learn from the replies this year that, in spite of the great depression in trade, the tuners who have private connections have held their own, and in many cases report an increase of work. The following extracts show what can be accomplished by energy and perseverance.

“I am very glad to hear of the success of so many of the students of the R.N.C. and I hope they will continue to do as well through the coming year. **There is plenty of room for blind people to succeed in the world, if they only have the grit to stick to, and do their work thoroughly.** I have had a very satisfactory year, my earnings amount to just over £99, an increase of £12 on the previous year. I have added forty to my number of tunings, bringing the total for 1909 up to 281. Just before Christmas we gave Varley Roberts’ Oratorio “Advent”: my choir was augmented for the occasion by members of the Sunday School, and the general verdict was that it was a good performance. I got a friend to take the organ for me whilst I conducted and sang the Bass Solos. On the following Sunday evening we had a special Carol Service. The boys are doing well, and I am glad to say their behaviour continues good, but the work needs a great deal of patience; just when you get one lot nicely going, their voices begin to change. However, I have a good many very young boys on now so I hope they will be good for five or six years’ work. I am taking the part of “Wolfram” in the Septette from “Tannhauser” to-morrow evening: our Choral Society is giving an Operatic Night, with full professional orchestra.

I have twelve pupils at present, and that is about as many as

Letters from
former pupils

I care to have at once. Taking the year all round, I think I have been very successful, but I mean to go one better this year."

" N."

" You will doubtless be glad to hear that I am getting on very well here. In fact I have done very much better than I had hoped. I have made many kind friends, both among the Church and Chapel people. I go out with Mr. Dean to play for him at services in the country, and by that means I have a lot of country work. The out-door exercise does me a great amount of good. I often walk from twelve to fifteen miles a day. I am busy now preparing a Mendelssohn lecture which I am giving for the Wesley Guild next Thursday. I am giving one or two pieces on the piano, and am also drilling a small choir to give two of the Spring Songs and the ' Vale of Rest.'

" K."

" Since leaving the R.N.C. a little over two years ago to take up my present appointment as Organist and Choirmaster, I have had ample opportunity of realising the value of the musical education I received as a student in the College. My work has been rendered comparatively easy, owing to the thorough training afforded me in the various branches of the profession. By dint of applying the system of choir-training in use in the College, my own choir has improved greatly in many ways. We have studied and performed several well-known sacred works, and I am now managing to introduce anthems as a regular and consistent part of our worship.

The experience I had as a teacher in the College is responsible for the success I have achieved in competition with the innumerable sighted persons engaged in the same pursuit. I have now as many pupils as any teacher in town, and besides still retaining practically all my first pupils, I am now and again picking up others, all of whom demonstrate their appreciation of my tuition by regular attendance to lessons and diligent practice from week to week.

During the last three weeks I have organised four concerts,

all of which turned out highly satisfactory to those concerned, and I am therefore hopeful of again being engaged in the same capacity later on. I have also given several organ recitals in various churches and halls during the last two years."

"M."

"When I was married, eight years ago, I removed to T. I had been working up a tuning connection for five years, and T. was about the centre. I took guides with me at first, and canvassed town after town. Gradually I dispensed with guides, and now I do over 20 towns by myself. I am always on the road, excepting Sundays. My average tunings are between 700 and 800 a year, and in good years I have sold an average of 18 pianos. My income varies from £200 to £250 per annum. This year has been a poor one and has required Herculean efforts to keep it up to the minimum average. This morning when making my total I find it is £220. Tell Mr. Guy I always keep up the free movements and dumbbells. It has become habitual, and indispensable in giving and retaining health and a good physique, and enables me to keep that control over myself and my surroundings which gives the self-confidence and fearlessness so essential to success.

"B."

"During the past weeks, we have been very busy in our Church, working up for the performance of "Samson," and as I have had a good deal of practising to do, as well as learning all the various accompaniments of the Soloists, there has scarcely been any time for anything else. and consequently my correspondence has fallen a little behind. The Concert in connection with our Church was given last Thursday, and seems to have given great satisfaction, in fact it was successful both financially and otherwise. I enclose a programme, as I know you are interested in the successes of the old pupils. On the night of the Concert, there were about seventy in the choir. As we were also very careful in choosing the Principals, who were able to do full justice to the characters they represented, and as the choir sang

the choruses with great energy, and good attack as well as finish, the concert passed off very well. One of the Glasgow newspapers, in writing a criticism on this performance, remarked that the Choir sang with great expression, ' And the leads were taken up well.' " G."

" I am glad to be able to tell you that my tuning connection has shown a steady increase during the past year, although there is plenty of competition in the way of manufacturers and smaller dealers and independent sighted tuners, who of course, have a decided advantage in the matter of finding work. I have been well recommended by several teachers of music in the neighbourhood, and I hope by the quality of my work and the personal recommendation that follows it to still further extend my field of operation. " W."

" I have made a start, and despite the dull times I have no reason to complain. Since leaving the College I have been successful in winning two gold medals for singing and have had many engagements during the winter. " W."

" The past year has been a very good one for me. I have not had a slack week all the year, and owing to new pupils I was obliged to give up my summer holiday. " R."

" I am pleased to tell you that I have been making fairly good progress during the past year and hope to do better in the future. I have changed my address, as I was married on Christmas day, and am looking forward to a life of happiness and prosperity, which we shall strive to attain by working together, and by diligent attention to business. " P."

" In reply to the 22nd annual Christmas letter I have received from you as ex-pupil of the College, I would first congratulate you on the recent achievements made by a number of the pupils, of which it tells more, I think, than in any previous year. Of myself I have nothing exactly brilliant to relate, still it is satisfactory to be able to state, that notwithstanding the disappoint-

ments arising from the all too general depression in trade, the year showed a slight increase in business upon any preceding year.

“ H.”

We regret to report that Mr. William Auchincloss Arrol has been obliged to resign the Treasurership of the Glasgow Scholarship Committee, on account of ill-health. Mr. Arrol and his father, Mr. Archibald Arrol became members of the first Scholarship Committee that was formed in Scotland. Mr. William Arrol's enthusiasm has never lessened during all these years and his eminent business qualities led him to take a thorough and practical interest in the many pupils sent from Glasgow and the West of Scotland. He frequently visited the College in order to note their work and progress, and was instrumental in helping to obtain situations for them when they left. His resignation so soon after the death of the Right Hon. James A. Campbell, his Co-Treasurer, is a matter of deep regret. His son, Mr. Theodore Arrol, has joined the Glasgow Committee and also the General Council of the College. The following resolution was passed by the Executive Committee :

“ That the Executive Committee of the Royal Normal College for the Blind learn with the deepest regret that Mr. Arrol feels compelled to resign the Honorary Treasurership of the Glasgow Committee on account of ill-health. The zeal and energy with which Mr. Arrol carried out his duties have been of inestimable value both to the College and to the Blind of Scotland. Ever ready with kindly advice and practical assistance he deservedly earned the title, “ A Father of the Blind.”

We have always endeavoured to secure on our staff those who possess not only ability in teaching, but enthusiasm. Our aims and methods were well stated by Sir James Crichton-Browne in a recent speech.

“ There is no dull dead routine about the College. Every one is alive and very much in earnest. There is a staff of teachers of exceptional ability, zealously devoted to their duties, on terms of intimacy with the children, and faithfully seconding Dr. Campbell

Resignation of
Mr. W. A. Arrol.

Staff.

in his endeavours to rear and send forth good Christian men and women, well developed physically, of prompt business-like habits, of good courage, plenteous energy, and with some pride in their Alma Mater and Upper Norwood which has been to them in very truth a cherishing mother."

Resignation of
Mr. Hartvigson.

After thirty-five years' devoted work, Mr. Frits Hartvigson resigned his position as head of the Pianoforte Department. The following Resolution was passed by the Executive Committee :
" That the Executive Committee accept Mr. Hartvigson's resignation with the greatest regret, and desire to express to him how much they appreciate his zealous and faithful teaching at the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, during the last thirty-five years. The success of many of the past graduates is largely due to his able and skilful instruction, which has greatly helped to raise the standard of blind musicianship throughout the world."

Mr. Fryer and Mr. Friskin have been engaged in his place.

Musical
Department.

We still retain the services of our other Musical Professors, and all of these have been unremitting in their efforts to promote the progress of their pupils. In the recent Fellowship Examination of the Royal College of Organists, out of ninety-seven candidates, only fifteen passed, and two of our young men were among the successful fifteen ; two other Students passed the Associateship of the Royal College of Organists, and one passed the Licentiateship of the Royal Academy of Music in singing. In March, two passed the Arts Examination, at Durham University, and in September they passed the first examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Music.

Report of Dr.
Eichholz, H.M.I.

In recommending the Technical Grant for the year 1908-09 Dr. Eichholz, H.M. Inspector, reported as follows :—

" The training at Norwood has stood for many years quite unique in the country. The main ideal is to advance the welfare of the Blind through every new avenue, professional and industrial,

that human resource can open up for them, preserving and constructing meanwhile a habit of culture and refinement in the individual which will enable him to take a proper social position at the end of training.

"The training in music includes study of the Pianoforte and Organ, Singing, Harmony, and Composition, and scientific basis of music, the instruction being in every case committed to professional teachers of high order of attainment."

In June, a meeting of the Music Teachers' Association was held at the College, and Mr. Macpherson's classes gave a demonstration in Harmony, Counterpoint and Composition. Before the tests were given, Mr. Macpherson said:—"I consider the method which has necessarily to be adopted in teaching the Blind to be the best way, even the only way, by which the study of these important subjects can be made a living thing. Harmony must be a training of the ear and musical sense or it is valueless. The students of the College are not all naturally gifted, as some people suppose, but by practice and concentration their ears develop. Their fingers become obedient to their ears, and they are enabled to put their knowledge into actual practice. **The value of such facility when they begin to teach must be obvious to anyone who realises the absolute necessity on the teacher's part of being ready with an example in illustration of anything he may be teaching.**" The following were the tests:—

Demonstration
to Music
Teachers'
Association.

1. Chord-naming. Mr. Macpherson played an extract from the Prelude to "Lohengrin," and asked various pupils to name the keys and the chords throughout the passage. Every one of these—most complicated chromatic harmonies—was described absolutely correctly, without the slightest hesitation.
2. Chord-playing. In this test several students were called to the piano, and were asked to play certain progressions, such as (a) a double suspension of the 9th and 4th from

the tonic; (b) a sequence of the secondary 7ths; (c) a supertonic major 9th resolving upon a dominant 13th. Each of these was promptly and accurately played.

3. Harmonising a Melody. In this test a little lad of fourteen was given a phrase and told to harmonise it and to complete the sentence by adding another phrase of corresponding length; he performed his task, much to the satisfaction of the audience.
4. Modulation. In this the pupils modulated rhythmically between certain keys named, one example being an 8 bar sentence passing from the key of C through A minor, D minor, E flat major, G major, back to C major.
5. Counterpoint. A "Canto Fermo" was here given, and the pupil required to play a second species counterpoint above it. This was done without hesitation.
6. Extemporisation. Three tests in this subject were given: (a) a four-line hymn-tune; (b) a pianoforte piece in simple ternary form, on a subject supplied by Dr. F. G. Shinn. (c) a Funeral March.

These last two tests executed by Victor Spanner and Horace Watling, were really remarkable efforts, shapely in form, and full of harmonic and rhythmic interest, and it is significant that not once in the course of the afternoon's demonstration was there anything that could in any sense be called a failure. Every test "came off."

We have often referred to the value of the weekly Musical Recitals, given by Mr. Hartvigson and Mr. Balfour, and the Pianoforte Recitals are continued by Mr. Fryer and Mr. Friskin.

Mr. Macpherson has continued his Lectures once a fortnight, and has dealt with:—

Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater"; Spohr's "Dramatic" Concerto for Violin; Beethoven's "Eroica Symphony"; Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony"; Brahms' "Symphony No. 1 in C

Minor": "the Preludes and Fuges of Bach, and their main characteristics"; "How to form a Musical Appreciation Class"; "Musical Curiosities, and the various periods of modern instrumental composition."

Twenty-four of the advanced pupils attended the Course of Lectures on "Teaching the Pianoforte and Singing," given under the auspices of the Music Teachers' Association. Our best thanks are due to the Association for the nominal fee charged for the Lectures.

In June, the pupils attended all the performances of the Handel Concerts. Festival at the Crystal Palace, and during the year many concerts at Queen's Hall, Bechstein Hall, and Aeolian Hall. These Recitals, Lectures, and Concerts exercise an important influence on the musical development of our pupils. Hearty thanks are due to the Manager of the Crystal Palace, the Bach Society, the Handel Society, and various Concert Agents in London for the privileges granted.

In the Vocal Vocal
Department. Department instruction is given by Mr. R. Boulcott-Newth, Mr. A. J. Eyre, and Miss A. Campbell. Special attention is given to breathing, quality of tone, intonation, enunciation of words, and ear-tests. In each grade the work includes scales, exercises, studies, and well selected songs. Besides the junior and senior Choirs, we have a chorus-class both for male and female voices.

To "Lend a Hand" whenever and wherever possible is a Choir. constant aim in the College, and during the year the Choir has sung for the following Societies. Annual Meeting of the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union, Caxton Hall; Church of England Temperance Society, Croydon; Childhood Society and Indigent Blind Visiting Society, London; Centenary of the Reading Bible Society; Annual Meeting of the Y.M.C. Association, Mansion House; Evangelical Alliance, Caxton Hall; Social Blind Aid Society, Stepney; Church Defence Society, Norwood; Home for Aged Blind, Finsbury Park; St. George's Parish, Battersea.

School
Department.

In the School Department, we have been fortunate in retaining the services of all our teachers, and they have devoted themselves to the children both in and out of school hours. The interest with which the children in the Kindergarten enter into the Nature Study, Story Lessons, and Kindergarten work, proves that the teaching given is a pleasure, and not a perfunctory duty. In the other grades of the Preparatory School the objective method is used whenever possible, and the instruction given on lines that will help the pupils in their preparation for future business. The skilful use of the hands and fingers, and freedom of movement, which are important factors in their future success, are constantly cultivated. On the 25th May, Dr. Eichholz examined the Elementary Department of the College and reported as follows :—

Report of
Dr. Eichholz,
U.M.I., on
Elementary
Department.

“ The Institution aims at training the Blind in a high plane of general culture, employing to this end all the newer sources of modern educational method.

“ The success of the School is won by painstaking and individual attention to each child, both in assessing its talents and in directing them in the most suitable channels.

“ The teaching staff are highly qualified, and in every case specially gifted, so that it is possible to assign the teachers to those subjects of instruction only in which they excel. The lessons in English Literature, Nature Study, Arithmetic and Kindergarten occupations are given resourcefully, and serve to maintain a bright and responsive demeanour in the children, which is encouraged also by the excellent course of physical instruction provided in the curriculum.”

Lessons in
Elocution.

Miss M. Harker has kindly continued her classes in Elocution, both in the Girls' and Boys' School.

Readings.

The Readings of Mr. Guy Campbell, Vice-Principal, to the older pupils, dealt with classic French and English authors, including selections from the works of Racine, Corneille, Molière,

La Fontaine and others, Milton, Pope, Addison, Swift, Defoe, Gray, and Lamb.

Each teacher reads well-selected books two evenings in the week, to the pupils of the different grades. They are kept in touch with current events by extracts from the daily papers. We have a large Library of embossed books, containing works by most of the standard authors, and it is extensively used by the pupils, both young and old.

Dr. Howard, one of our Hon. Medical Officers, finished his **Lectures**, course of Lectures on Physiology and Hygiene; Mr. Lempfert gave a Course on Acoustics, and Rev. A. Elwin on the Religions of China; Rev. R. Fleming lectured on Abraham Lincoln; Mr. Mahoney on the French Revolution, and Mr. and Mrs. Cufflin gave an evening of Song and Recitation. The Upper Norwood Literary and Scientific Society still hold their lectures in the College Hall, to which the pupils have admission.

The Typewriting Department continues to be a most useful **Typewriting** branch of our work, and we are gratified that no less than eleven of its graduates are now permanently employed, while several others are materially adding to their earnings by executing typewriting orders in their own homes. The fact that every typist who has been given a trial by an employer has been retained, while two have afterwards taken a second typist, is, we believe, sufficient evidence that these girls are taking a pride in maintaining a high standard of accuracy in their work. We feel that we cannot too strongly urge upon those who may be training blind typists for appointments, the necessity for insisting upon this high standard of efficiency. Confidence amongst employers is very hard to win, and one inefficient worker may do incalculable harm by creating a prejudice amongst employers against all blind typists.

The Typewriting Department is in the hands of Mr. Black, who exhibits quite unusual resources in adapting method and matter for the Blind. He is able each year to train a number **Report of H.M.I.**

of women typists capable of rendering very useful service as commercial and general correspondents."

Prizes given by
Mr. J. B.
Hammond.

We have again to tender our most grateful thanks to Mr. Jas. B. Hammond, the inventor of the machine and President of the Hammond Typewriter Company, for his unfailing generosity in the presentation of three typewriters annually for competition amongst our pupils. These prizes have proved of the greatest possible assistance to those who have won them, some of whom have now appointments as typists, while others, following the occupations of Piano tuning, massage, etc., find them of constant and daily use.

The George
Thomas Rose
Memorial Prize.

The late Miss E. Rose left a legacy of £500 to provide an annual Prize to be known as the "George Thomas Rose Memorial Prize," in memory of her brother. Mr. George and Mr. Frederick Rose were both members of the Executive Committee and always took an active interest in the work. They were connected with the firm of John Broadwood and Sons, and from the very earliest days of the College they rendered us valuable assistance. The prize for the first year was awarded to Victor Spanner, who, in 1908, won the Cart Prize in the Examination of the College of Organists.

Physical
Department.

In the letters from the old pupils, it is noticeable that many refer to the benefit they derived in after life from the Physical Training they received at the College. This verifies the statement of an eminent Educator, that "The success or failure of our physical training does not relate merely to the size or strength of the muscles, but is measured in part by our achievements in the domain of mind and of conduct."

On July 1st, forty-four pupils gave a Gymnastic Display in the Centre transept of the Crystal Palace in aid of the King's College Hospital Fund. The programme included free movements, dumb-bells, wands, rope-skipping, high-jumping, and exercises on the buck, horse, parallel bars, and ground pyramids.

A large audience repeatedly testified its appreciation of the work shown.

The Girls' School held their Annual Sports' Day on July 7th, and the Boys theirs on July 17th. These sports are managed by the pupils themselves; they appoint their own sports, prize and refreshment committees, issue invitations, decide on the programme, and the Staff only assist in the judging. With the Girls the obstacle race proved the most exciting and attractive, while the walking-race, the wrestling and tug-of-war contests aroused great enthusiasm amongst the boys.

In addition to the awards gained from the Royal Life-Saving Society mentioned on page 21 it is gratifying to report the very great success which a team of four of our young men had at the annual gala of the Amateur Swimming Club. This Club, which is the second oldest Club in England, invited the College team to assist with diving and life-saving. The diving, which included such feats as handstand and back front dives, were taken from a twelve-foot board. The following extract is from the letter of Mr. Sydney J. Lyon, Hon. Secretary of the Club, addressed to the Vice-Principal:

"With regard to the team from the Royal Normal College its display was so good that it was regarded entirely apart from its value as a demonstration of what training can do for the Blind, as an attraction and very clever item of our programme."

This is now the fifth time in two years that our boys have been invited to assist at Club galas.

Pianoforte Tuning is one of our most important departments, and each year we endeavour to secure greater thoroughness in the training of our tuners. In these days of keen competition it is difficult even for sighted men to find work; therefore the only chance for a blind man is to be so excellent in his work, so quiet and gentlemanly in his manner, and so prompt in his attention to business that he will win his way in spite of the handicap of

Pianoforte
Tuning.

blindness. It is gratifying to be able to state that the tuners who left the College during 1909 are either in situations or have made a good start toward forming a private connection. In previous Reports we have often referred to the inadequacy of the building used for the tuning department. H.M. Inspector reports as follows: "The Pianoforte Tuning Department is the least satisfactory—not in point of instruction, which is worthy of better housing—but in respect of the premises, the old building being very unsatisfactory as regards space and ventilation. It is hoped that serious attention will be given to this branch."

We earnestly appeal for donations for the purpose of erecting a suitable building. At present the Government give a small grant *per capita* for Technical Training, but the continuance of this grant cannot be expected. When such large sums of money are given for the Technical Training of the sighted, will the benevolent people of this country do less for the Blind?

Christmas
Festival.

The Festival was held in January, when Sir Edgar Speyer presided, and Lady Speyer unveiled the Tree. During the concert, Lady Speyer delighted both visitors and pupils with her rendering of violin solos by Handel, Sulzer, Faure, and Stanford. Sir Edgar, after speaking of the high artistic standard of the music to which they had listened, also referred to the cheerfulness, pluck, and determination which pervaded the Institution. The confidence and self-reliance inculcated by the Principal and his Staff were important assets to which the pupils owed much of their success in after life. It was not a charity but a duty to educate the Blind, and he was pleased to give a donation of £500, and an annual subscription of £20. For this generous assistance the Committee desire to return hearty thanks to Sir Edgar Speyer. They are also indebted to Lord and Lady Mount Stephen for a donation of £100. The following Saturday the Festival was repeated for the parents and friends of the pupils.

Annual Meeting.

By kind permission of His Grace the Duke of Westminster, the Annual Meeting was held at Grosvenor House on the 28th of

April. The Chair was taken by the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, who was supported by Lady O'Hagan, Lady St. Davids, Lord Kinnaird, Lord Selby, Sir William Mather, Surgeon-General G. J. H. Evatt, M.D., R.A.M.C., Major E. F. Coates, M.P., Rev. Canon Bell, and W. S. Seton-Karr, Esq.

At the Prize Festival, July 22nd, Lord Desborough presided, Prize Festival and Lady Desborough presented the Prizes. Among the Prizes were three typewriters from Mr. J. B. Hammond, and repeating watches from Sir Henry Harben. Lord and Lady Desborough expressed great interest in all that they saw, but seemed most impressed by the work of the typewriting and physical departments. In the course of his address, he warmly congratulated the Principal upon the honour bestowed upon him by the King, as a mark of recognition for the strenuous lifetime spent in ameliorating and improving the condition of the Blind. He expressed the hope that the reproach of England, being a country which did not make the care of the Blind a national matter, would soon pass away. Meanwhile, until that time did arrive, he earnestly appealed to all who could, to help on the work of the College with donations and subscriptions and enable Sir Francis to realise his present ambition of leaving the Institution, of which he was one of the founders, free of debt, before handing it on to his successors. Lord Desborough, who among his many other duties is Acting President of the Royal Life Saving Society, was so pleased with the display of the boys in swimming and life-saving, that he offered a cup to be competed for annually. The Cup was to be called the "Monica Cup," in honour of his daughter, one of the most graceful swimmers of the day, and was for the purpose of stimulating the girls to take up swimming and life-saving seriously.

Garden Parties were given in June to the Music Teachers' Garden Parties. Association and the Childhood Society.

In November, Mr. B. Cummins kindly arranged a very success- Concert at
ful Concert in Croydon, for the benefit of the College. It was Croydon.

given in the Public Hall, and the Chair was taken by the Mayor of Croydon, Major J. Fox. The pupils were assisted by Mrs. Godfrey-Turner, Mr. Watkin Mills, Mr. Stanton Rees and Mr. Conway George. Our best thanks are due to these artists, to Mr. Cummins, and the burgesses of Croydon for their kind help.

**Gardner
Scholarships.**

For more than a quarter of a century the Gardner Trust have granted Scholarships to the College. But for these Scholarships, it would have been impossible to carry on the work of the College on its present lines, and the best thanks of the Committee are due to the Trust for their generous help, which has enabled them to receive and train many poor boys and girls, who are now out in the world self-supporting men and women.

Finance.

The total expenditure for 1909 was £11,244 12s. 3d., and the income £10,234 9s. 6d., leaving a deficiency of £1,010 2s. 9d., and we earnestly appeal for donations to meet this deficit.

Beside the mortgage of £15,000, a sum of £3,000 was borrowed from the Bankers to meet the deficiencies of 1905, 1906, and 1907. Towards the redemption of the mortgage an annual instalment of £441 has to be paid into the Bank of England by the order of the Charity Commissioners, which instalments now amount to £4,410. The payment of the interest on the Banker's loan and Mortgage amounts to £607 14s., and this sum added to the annual instalment required by the Charity Commissioners makes a heavy annual tax of £1,048 14s. on the resources of the College.

Appeal.

The good which has been accomplished by the Royal Normal College is not to be measured simply by the number of young blind men and women who have been started in life, but also by the effect which its high standard of efficiency has had on the education of the Blind throughout the country. The claim of the Blind to a thorough education and training, is not recognised yet as a national duty, and until that time arrives, the College must depend upon a charitable public for the means of carrying on the work. In referring to the Pianoforte Tuning Department,

mention was made of the urgent necessity for enlarging our premises. In addition to the amount needed for this purpose, we appeal for donations to pay off our mortgage and indebtedness to the Bankers, and annual subscriptions for carrying on the work.

We close with a quotation from a sermon of the late Archdeacon Farrar :—

“ What we should all desire for the Blind, above every earthly blessing, is that they should not be a burden to themselves, or to their friends, or to the community in general, but that they should be trained to earn a blessed independence ; to become profitable members of the commonwealth. The Royal Normal College for the Blind enables them to avail themselves to the full of those blessed compensations which lie in the inexhaustible resources of nature for all who have the faith and the energy to draw them forth. And what we should all aim at is to foster every wise effort to uplift the Blind above the disabilities of their condition. It should be our duty to alleviate their calamity. It should be our effort to bring courage and brightness into their lives ; to provide them, as far as we can, with exceptional chances to compensate for their exceptional difficulties ; to inspire into their gladdened hearts the sense that they, too, are dear children, beloved of their Heavenly Father, in the common family of man.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee,

F. J. CAMPBELL,

Principal.

Annual General Meeting.

Speeches delivered at the Annual Meeting of the friends and supporters of the Royal Normal College for the Blind, which was held at Grosvenor House on Wednesday, April 28th, 1909, the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., presiding:—

The Hon.
W. F. D. Smith,
M.P.

The Chairman in his opening remarks said:—"My Lord, Ladies, and Gentlemen. I do not doubt that the majority of those who are here this afternoon are well acquainted with the work and objects of the Royal Normal College for the Blind at Norwood. There may however be, and I hope there are, some who this afternoon are making their first acquaintance with that Institution. But whether that be so or not, anybody who has read the Report for the year just past, will have realised very fully that the College is carrying on its work under the direction of Dr. Campbell, in a manner more efficient if possible than it has done during the last thirty-seven years of its existence. I think that nobody who has read that Report can fail to be struck by the fact, that the all-pervading object of the training which is given to the young people who enter the College, is to fit them for the work which they will enter upon in after life. Those of us who are blest with the sense of sight, perhaps find it hard to imagine that those who are bereft of that sense should in any way compete with their more efficient brethren in any of the walks of life; but it has been the object of the College and of the system which Dr. Campbell has created to fit blind people to compete, and to compete successfully, in those occupations for which special training is given at the College. I think it may be truly said that the great success of the College has been due to the fact that it has been able to turn out effective and efficient men

and women, who are able to render services as valuable and as accurately performed as their more fortunate brethren, who are possessed with the sense of sight. It may be said, how has this been carried out? I can only advise those who wish to know, to go down to the Norwood College and see how the work is there being carried on from day to day. They will find that the training of mind and body proceeds side by side, in a manner which I believe cannot be seen in any other Institution in this country, and it is hard to believe when walking round the College that the vast majority of those whom one sees are blind, but they are finding their way about owing to the fact that the other senses which they possess have been trained to a pitch which is hard to realise by those who can see.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is no doubt known to you that the reports of the inspectors of the Board of Education and of the musical examiners have been extremely satisfactory in this last year, and also in the years previously, but although these reports are of value, it seems to me that the results which can be shown on page 22 and the following several pages of the report, are of infinitely more value than any favourable report of Examining Inspectors, for there is set out a list of those past students of the College all over the world, in our Colonies and in foreign countries, who are earning for themselves an ample livelihood, who are spreading the knowledge of the work which the College has done here in England, and who are showing to the whole world that the blind man and woman is well capable of earning his or her own living.

Unfortunately the financial position of the College, as is the case with so many other similar Institutions, is not all that can be desired, and though I myself do not wish to enter at large upon that subject, because it is to be dealt with in the first Resolution upon your paper, I do think that it may be fairly said that the College has a very strong claim both upon public and private generosity. The argument of private generosity perhaps

need hardly be mentioned because it must be patent to everybody who takes an interest in blind people, but I do think that Parliament and local bodies may well help with this Institution, because it would be difficult to calculate how much has been saved this country, especially the local bodies of the country by the fact that during the last thirty-seven years or more during which the Institution has been in existence, it has saved from poverty a vast number of blind people who undoubtedly, if they had not been trained within its walls, would have had to go eventually to the local body in whose district they live for support. I think, therefore, it has a great claim upon public bodies, and I can only hope it may be possible to persuade the Board of Education to increase its grants in years to come.

The
Lady O'Hagan.

The Lady O'Hagan :—" Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen, the Resolution which I have to propose reads as follows :—

" 'That having regard to the thorough soundness and excellence of the training of the students, as testified by H.M. Inspector and various examiners, and by the success and independence of a large portion of the pupils in after life, the College authorities are fully justified in making an urgent appeal for such generous support as will place the College on a sound and permanent foundation.' "

" Ladies and gentlemen, it is very difficult to say anything in pleading for the support of this Institution which has not been reiterated time after time by various speakers on various occasions, and it is, I think, the necessity for repetition which should make us take it to heart as something which is not very creditable either to us individually or to us as a nation. In other countries the care of the Blind is not left so much to private and personal enterprise, but is made a matter of State support and a matter of national duty. At the same time, though I think that that is much to be desired, I am not sure but that if we can make this College continue its work and serve as an education as to how work ought to be done, it will not be better done than

if it were merely a State establishment. Dr. Campbell has shown us in a way which we never knew before what can be done for those who are deprived of their sight, what can be done by those who have not the sense of sight. You may say that we are always repeating, always asking for the same thing, but this College is not always the same thing; there is always something new, there is always some progress made year by year, there is always some new opening for those who are deprived of the sense of sight, some fresh employment and some different walk in life, which will enable them to become useful and valuable members of any community. That is why I think this College is specially deserving of our sympathy and support. If each one here present would make himself or herself a centre for obtaining sympathy, for telling of the needs of the College, we shall obtain that which is absolutely necessary for the forwarding of this great work. You know it is not a thing which is ever increasing; what we want is to put it on a sound financial foundation, to clear it of the burden which is now upon it, and then it will be able to go on, and I can only hope that the need for such a College may not, as it should not, go on extending in our country, for it is lamentable to think of the enormous percentage of preventable cases which have to be treated in every establishment for the benefit of the Blind. Therefore when we ask you in your generosity to give towards this work, it is not a thing which will go on increasing, it is a thing which we want to put on a footing which will give to our blind people that which is their due in this our country. I am very pleased to speak to you on behalf of the great founders of this College, on behalf of him who has given his time and his health—given his every thought to the benefit of this College. The College is a national asset, because, as the Chairman has said, there is in that College a nucleus of valuable members of any community instead of being an assemblage of people who would perhaps be hopeless and helpless, thrown upon the charity of those who have it not in their hearts to recognise what is their

duty, and what is the right these people have to our support and sympathy. I cannot go into figures, others will do that better than I should be able to, but I would ask you all for the sake of the College, for the sake of the blind people, and for the sake of Dr. Campbell, whom we hold in such affection and honour, to give this work the support which is necessary for its preservation and its continuance."

Lord Kinnaird. LORD KINNAIRD :—

"Mr. Chairman, my Lord, Ladies, and Gentlemen, I feel that this question has been very fully put before you by the Chairman and by Lady O'Hagan, but perhaps I may put it from a different point of view. I take it I have been asked to speak, because I have the honour to be one of the Trustees of the Henry Gardner Charity for the Blind, and perhaps the mention of that munificent donor and great benefactor of the Blind may be a stimulus to similar efforts to give. He left £300,000, of which the interest, amounting to £9,000, was to be spent for the welfare of the Blind, one-third being devoted to music, one-third to trades, and one-third to other educational purposes. As Trustees we had to see where the money could be best spent, so as to carry out the liberal donor's wishes, and how we should be able to help the Blind in the best way. We have found from the first that we had to use the hands of the Royal Normal College to do one-third of our work, namely with reference to the teaching of music. We looked very carefully into the affairs of the College—not that they needed this, you know how admirably it has been conducted—but as business men we have to look into these matters, and I can assure you that year after year we have found the general administration of the College to be admirable; we get admirable reports from the Inspectors as to how the work is being done, and we marvel as we see the results which come from the amount we give them as we follow the history of the boys and girls as they go out into life, and find that in every way Dr. Campbell, and those who work with him, have developed a state of efficiency

which has never before been reached. I suppose the contention cannot be demurred to that the Royal Normal College is the University for all colleges and schools for the Blind, and it does that work which is so important, namely it efficiently equips our young people, so that they may be no longer objects of charity, but able to earn their own living, and help forward in after life many of their blind fellow-sufferers. I spent two days in studying this report, and may I advise you also to read it carefully, to see the wonderful results that have been attained? I think, without comparing speeches, that the speech given last year by Sir James Crichton Browne was a remarkable utterance, and one which I have no doubt the Council will make use of, because he is not a man who does not look carefully into anything on which he is going to speak, and if there had been anything to criticise he would have given that criticism. The reports that are given year by year, come not only from Government, but they are checked by experts, those in high places in the musical profession, and they tell us that the training is quite up to the standard of sighted students. Preference would not be given to blind people as organists if they were not competent. The blind pupils of this College keep in touch with the latest developments of the fascinating study of music.

“With reference to other parts of the work, I will not go into details, except to say that on every side this University for the Blind takes those who may not be fit for one branch of study, and fits them in another, and one branch of work that is given as a possibility to the Blind is typewriting. Is it not delightful to think that this new branch of work is suitable for those who are not musical? We know that poor sighted people think it is hard to have competitors come in in this way, but the only chance for any one sighted or blind is to bring up our people thoroughly efficiently in every walk of life. I have never seen that Dr. Campbell and his staff have asked for undue preference for their pupils, they only demand a fair field and no favour.

“ Perhaps as a member of this Trust I may say a word as to finance. One sees from the report that with all this good work being done, the subscriptions and donations only amount to £2,509. That is not a noble sum for the charitable public of England, Scotland, and Wales to give, or if at all events Scotland think they have their own Institutions, it is not a noble sum for the general English public to give. I can only think it is because of the difficulty of getting people to think, to sit down for one hour to consider the problem, namely, to make it possible for this Committee working with Dr. Campbell, to put their Institution on such a footing that it should be free from actual necessity and for a year or two to have promises made to enable them to go forward with their work. I hope the intelligence of this Parliament will give us more out of public funds, but if we are not to get the money from the rates, you will have to give it as volunteers.

“ Then may I finally refer to two points with reference to what pupils do in after life. They not only keep themselves, but they carry out the lessons of Dr. Campbell and those who give the religious teaching in the College, for there is thorough religious teaching on the lines which those who send them may desire. Whatever they wish is given to them, but they must have some religious instruction, and that will appeal to many of those who believe that religion must be the basis on which character is made. Showing that they carry this out in after life, I read in the Report :—‘ Mr. P. E. Layton, assisted by other active blind men of Montreal, has recently founded an Association to promote the Education, Training, and Employment of the Blind in the Province of Quebec. They have already started a library and workshop, and hope to establish an up-to-date school at Montreal.’ Is it not encouraging to see this work carried on by former pupils ; and also in Western Turkey, for the Report tells us—‘ Upon her return to Armenia in 1902, Miss Mary Harootounian, assisted by Miss Shattuck, an American Missionary, established a School for the Blind at Urfa. Recently she has informed us

that two of her pupils have opened similar schools at Marash and Aintab.' Those are two most important centres, and we find blind people there carrying on their good work.

" Looking at the matter as a business man, the work is done in a way which commends itself to those of us who have to spend trust funds. Then the work, tested by outside examiners, is thoroughly efficient. Then we come to pupils who are earning their own living, and see that they become centres of work for others. The only people in fault are the British giving public. I should like to make one suggestion. If any one thought of leaving a legacy to this College, might I request that in view of extra death duties, you should give the legacy at once, and you will have the pleasure of seeing the result for the rest of your life. If Mr. Gardner had been able to see what I have seen of the work of this Institution, he would have agreed that one of the best ways we could spend his money for the welfare of the Blind would be in assisting this College. I hope this meeting will result in new friends who will become centres of interest to help Norwood in the admirable work which is being done there."

Surgeon-General G. J. H. EVATT, M.D., R.A.M.C. :—

Surgeon-General
O. J. H. Evatt,
M.D., R.A.M.C.

" Mr. Chairman, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen—It gives me very great pleasure to support the resolution which has been proposed by Lady O'Hagan, and spoken to so fully by Lord Kinnaird. I have spent forty years of my life in military service. We attach enormous importance to the sight of our men; we reject from our Service hundreds who, through ignorance of parents and midwives, and from want of proper teaching on the part of those who have the care of children, grow up with defective sight. If, therefore, I have spent my life amongst men whose sight is absolutely perfect, it is no trouble to me to come and plead in the cause of those who are blind. On the contrary, it is a great pleasure, for you must remember the moment the eyesight is injured the brain suffers, because the brain develops from the shocks which come from those objects

which one sees. We want in every establishment which deals with the Blind a varied curriculum and able teachers. In my own official life we find scientific people and sympathetic people, but we want that happy blending of science and sympathy which I will say can be seen in a most marked degree in the Norwood College. Nobody can go to it without seeing that there is science, only you have an exceedingly happy blending of science and sympathy, and you see that an enormous number of things have produced the confidence, which is usually one of the things most lacking in those who suffer from blindness. It takes time and labour, and the whole of the staff have given time and energy to produce this national gain. Sooner or later we must pay our rates in this country to support this College. I think it has a great claim on the authorities of the nation, and we shall sooner or later pay for those people who but for this College would, many of them, pass into the workhouses. At present one-third of the Blind of this country become paupers. Humanity advances but slowly in England. Little or no care was taken of our wounded in the old wars; to-day such a thing would never be stood by the nation. Well, then, these blind people are the wounded in the great warfare of natural life. I think the central funds of Parliament ought to give a large grant in aid of this admirable place, and if the public would only visit it, their pockets and their hearts would open. It is our bounden duty to bring these people out of the 'Poor Law Institutions' and put them in public centres, to raise up these our brothers and sisters who have been wounded in the battle of life. I would desire to support what Lady O'Hagan said about the teaching of mothers. The motherhood of our country is still ignorant of its duty, and we hope the women of England will learn more of the duties of motherhood, so that the number of the Blind will decrease in the future.

"I have the greatest pleasure in supporting this resolution, and strongly advise that the Government should give a large

measure of support to these people, who are wounded in the battle of life."

Lady ST. DAVIDS :—

Lady
St. Davids.

" Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen—This morning I had the privilege of visiting the Royal Normal College for the Blind, and I wished when I was there that every one who was coming to this meeting could have been there then. I wish it a thousand times more now, because you would not have to listen to a speech from me, for it would have pleaded more eloquently by reason of its great attainments for your sympathy. This generation, we are glad to know, has been distinguished by the greater care of those who have been wounded in life's battles. And it is due to what the Blind have done themselves for one another that so much has been achieved for them. The great blind men and women have shown us that they have had the vision splendid of what human life may be blest by perseverance and faith. We too often see but dimly, we do not see and seize our opportunity, but others do see and seize their opportunities to help those who need their help. And what better opportunity could there be for every one here in these glorious spring days than to give a tribute of gratitude because we have the power of seeing the glories of the spring? It was just a year ago that I was keen to go down and see the Normal College; there was a special reason why I wanted to go, but I did not go, because I am a strenuous person, and like everybody who lives a strenuous life, we never do anything because we have so much to do, but I am here to-day because Dr. Campbell invited me to speak at this meeting. I said "yes," but it was rash, because I was going to Turkey, and it depended upon time and tides (which wait for no man) and trains and Turkey. Still, I said "yes," and I am here. When I was at Constantinople a friend said, 'What would you like to see?' and I answered, 'I want to see the Colleges and Societies and Institutions for the Blind.' He said, 'They are outside the city; there is a building for the poor,

and there are blind people there.' I was received by rows of Turkish officials. Then we went through the wards, the Doctor showed the way, and I talked to some of the blind folk there. They told me that I was the only traveller who had ever wanted to go and see them. They were delighted to see me, and when you go to Constantinople, do go to that Institution, and remember it is Dr. Campbell who sends you, because it was his invitation and his bringing the needs of the Blind to the forefront of my mind that took me there. Therefore I came here without hesitation to speak to you, being deeply stirred with the sense of what might be so easily done to tell you how much those who have sight may learn and gain from a free communion and union with those who have not got sight. Those who have not got money can easily give other things. Our pianos want tuning, and then there is typewriting. When a woman of fashion says she has so many letters to write, let her send them to the College. She could pay for them by having one bonnet or hat the less. A great friend of mine said to me, 'You do not know how good the blind people are to me.' Too often we do not see, while they see with the mind's eye—with the miracle of insight such as Hnber, the blind naturalist, possessed. When we come in contact with them we learn to estimate their limitations, and we learn from them. I think, to ask that society should not impose on them any new limitations beyond the one that faith has accorded for the sake of some high and glorious reason which we cannot understand, and yet may have some deep meaning that will show them in days to come that vision splendid, whilst we who think we see may be so dimly groping amongst our own opportunities.

"Now most of us have suffered from some great trouble, and all of us have had our comforters, and amongst our friends there are always two kinds: There are those who pity us, and a small minority who help us. A blind man once said, 'Tell people not to pity us; we do not want their pity, it is we who give pity to sighted people, for we have powers of supreme enjoyment that



THE LATE RT. HON. VISCOUNT SELBY.
(Formerly Speaker of the House of Commons.)

CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COLLEGE, 1907-8-9.



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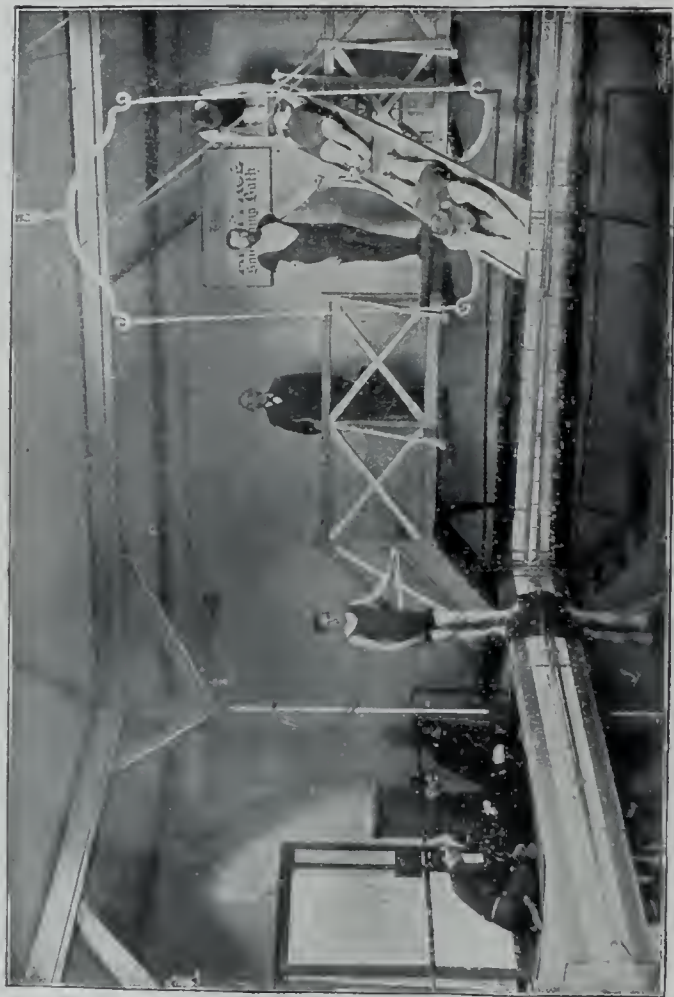
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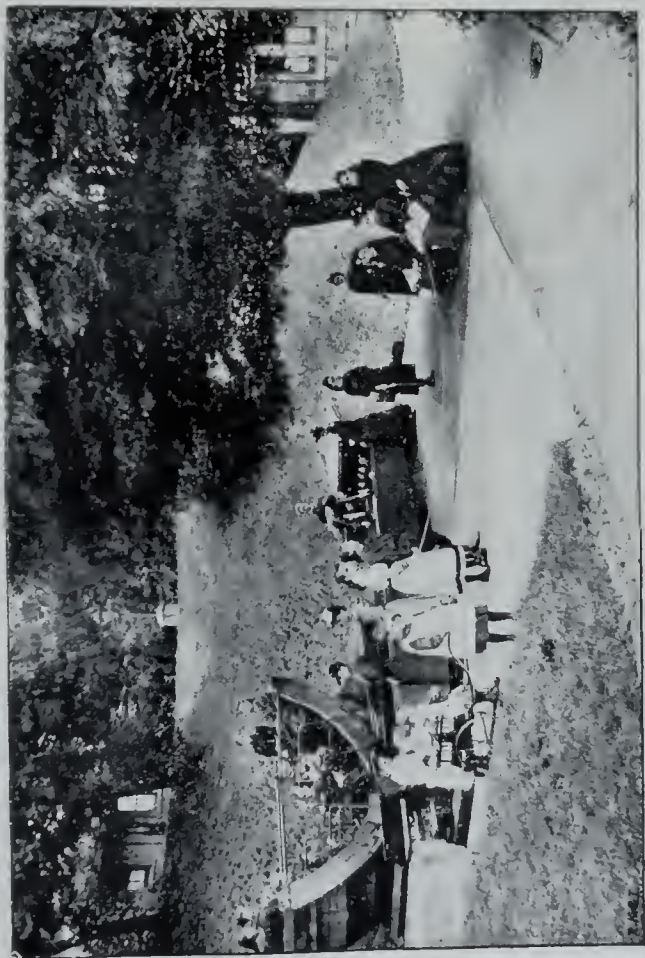
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they cannot know ; they forget that though we do not see the light, we do not see the darkness either, and the light of the soul, God's own light, falls undimmed over us.' That was a great protest, a strong protest, and even if that protest is only true for a very few, we still may echo Browning's words :

"Then welcome each rebuff
That turns life's smoothness rough."

for that is the pioneer spirit that has led to striking results such as have been attained by a Fawcett or a Campbell. Some, again, have a compensating gift of resignation, and can truly realise that ' They also serve who only stand and wait.' Though we feel the truth of this, we must not forget there are many who would feel the desolation of the long grey days, unredeemed days, were it not for the human tenderness that has brought sympathy into their lives ; so let us remember this, that pity which gives no help makes people pitiful, the pity that gives help makes people strong. Elizabeth Gilbert, that wonderful worker for the blind cause, inquired of every blind beggar she met whether they would rather beg or work, and nearly every one replied, ' We would rather work.' She gave her life to them, and when her friends said, ' You will work yourself to death,' she replied, ' No, I am working myself to life.' Others have told you of the achievements of the Royal Normal College. Dr. Campbell perhaps will ask me to speak of it to others who know less of it than you do, but I need add nothing to what Lady O'Hagan and Lord Kinnaird have said, except to remind you that it stands supreme as an university amongst the schools for the Blind. That is why it is worthy of such special support. This morning I was most struck by the gymnasium, by seeing those blind young fellows able to do gymnastics which want so much courage. Then they pleased me very much by letting me ride on the bicycle that holds eleven. Personally I never, if I may be allowed to say so, realised such an opportunity of human sympathy as when I saw the blind girls waltzing in the skating rink.

" I have the greatest pleasure in moving this resolution, which reads :—

" ' That inasmuch as the expenditure (including the interest payable on Mortgage) frequently exceeds the income for the year, it is of most urgent importance that all friends and supporters of the College should use their influence to secure new subscribers before the end of the current year, as well as donations towards the payment of the existing liabilities.' "

" It is always difficult to make a plea for money, because we know that it does not depend upon ourselves to make it effective. It wants the union of two things, as we have heard, science and sympathy, but it wants the union of the heart that feels and the purse that has the one odd sovereign of the ten thousand pounds that can be given. But even those who can only give their mite may be centres to draw others to listen and understand and know and give. Be such a centre, and if you can give to-day, give the gold of your sympathy, but translate it into bright fresh sovereigns for the benefit of this College. As I stood the other day in Rome, and went into the little shop of the Association of the Blind, I realised in that dark but happy little shop, opened under the guidance of a blind man, that we still live in a land of conquest, for none has had greater conquests than the blind men and women of our own generation who have acquired a life independent, notwithstanding the limitations of life's hardest fate. And coming back from Greece my thoughts came back to the homeland, and I thought that though we cannot emulate Greece and its glorious art, we know the glory of achievement in the lives of men and women. Our country has led the way, America has spared one of her geniuses to us, and we now have in our midst one of the greatest monuments a nation can possibly have, the Royal Normal College for the Blind. Give your contribution, and know that by so doing you have helped to build that edifice,

and if you have shown your sympathy in this true fashion you will never regret it."

Mr. ROSE :—

George Rose,
Esq.

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen—I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution which has been so eloquently moved by Lady St. Davids. Dr. Campbell has asked me to say a few words with regard to the work of the College in preparing young men for practical life. Your Chairman struck the right note at the beginning of his speech when he said that the one thing the College has to do is to fit the Blind to earn their living. Lord Kinnaird has reminded us that Churches cannot employ incompetent musicians. No one can employ the Blind in any capacity if they are not competent, and we do not ask that they should be accorded any such favour, but that they should be taken on their own merits. Visitors to the College are very apt to forget the end and aim of it all in the interest of the detail of the work. A short time ago I had occasion to call on Dr. Campbell. It was late in the day, and as I walked down the grounds I was struck with the quiet beauty of the College garden. The sun was setting, the colouring of the sky was of that glowing beauty which, owing to the smoky atmosphere, is peculiar to a London sunset, and as I heard the children's happy voices, I thought 'What a pleasant spot this is to live in!' I was quickly reminded by the strangely torturous, uneven path that it would not do to walk about the place in the careless fashion we sighted people so often affect, and I was reminded that the College is not intended as a pleasant abode, but that even the asphalt paths are designed to assist the pupils in acquiring self-reliance. When a few minutes later I met the Doctor and Mrs. Campbell, I was reminded that no one can be in their company without feeling that the aim of the College is always in their thoughts.

"The first thing that occurs to us when we mention work in connection with the Blind is 'What can they do?' The fields of activity open to the Blind are necessarily restricted. Dr. Campbell

has chosen amongst others, as one of his mainstays, the trade of pianoforte tuning. One often hears it carelessly said that the Blind have wonderful gifts which compensate them for the loss of sight. I venture to say that is not so. A blind man, having lost one sense, makes use of those which remain in a way which puts us sighted people to shame. Has it ever occurred to you what wonderful use the Blind make of their memory? It is really marvellous, but they only make use of what we all have, but do not fully utilise. Pianoforte tuning was chosen by Dr. Campbell as a special branch to be taken up by his young men, and many people will say carelessly that this is natural, for the Blind have special aptitude for this study, but let me tell you that not all sighted lads can be taught to tune properly. A sighted lad with average intelligence can be put successfully to almost any manual trade, but tuning requires special aptitude, and the precision, patience and memory which the College pupils are taught has much to do with their success in this particular line. Lord Kinnaird said he was not quite sure that sighted people are always inclined to give a fair chance to the Blind, and I am afraid he is right, that some people have a prejudice against the competition of the Blind. This is narrow-minded, for the blind tuner has immense disadvantages to contend with, but thanks to the training of this College, he can become efficient, and we do turn out most excellent young men fully deserving of encouragement. In every occupation sound training is absolutely necessary, but no one can succeed in life without opportunity, and what we want particularly is openings for our pupils. We want musical publishers and manufacturers to give our young men a chance. Many do, but many do not. We have faith in our blind pupils. We know they can do excellent work, and that they have the courage to overcome every difficulty to do it, and I am sure that when those who have the opportunity of employing the Blind give our pupils a chance, they find them both reliable and most efficient. I have great pleasure in seconding this resolution."

Major E. F. COATES :—

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Coates.

“ Mr. Chairman, my Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen—I have much pleasure in supporting the resolution which has been so ably proposed by Lady St. Davids, and so well seconded by the gentleman on my right. I am sure few words of mine are necessary. I am simply one like you, in sympathy with this great movement, and I am talking to those who are really sympathetic. But the reason we meet is first to show our sympathy with this great movement, and secondly to do what we can in order to obtain financial means to carry it on. We all know, from what many of you have seen, and from what we have heard in the speeches, we all know the anxieties which those who have to keep these blind people have to go through, and surely that anxiety is quite sufficient; therefore the shoulders of the public and the sympathisers of this movement are the ones upon which should rest the burden of finding the money to support this Institution. I cannot say I have much knowledge with regard to the Blind themselves, except so far as my own personal experience goes, inasmuch as on my own property in Yorkshire the Clergyman is a blind man. He draws large congregations because he is a most admirable speaker. Whether the other senses are made more acute by the loss of sight I do not know, but the memory is certainly strengthened, because it is quite marvellous to listen to that blind Clergyman. I think a blind Clergyman could do a greater work in a large town than in a little village, because curiosity brings many to listen, and he would draw large congregations, and so might be doing a good and useful work in one of the walks of life.

“ Now Ladies and Gentlemen, Surgeon-General Evatt touched upon the question of rate aid. Already the thin edge of the wedge of rate aid has been introduced into this country, because with the medical inspection of children we get at the root of many evils which are the cause of the misery of the poor, and I do trust the day may come when money can be given for the education of

the Blind from the Exchequer, and not by the ratepayers. I am very hopeful, as there is a great movement to succour those who are not so able as ourselves ; it is in the atmosphere, and should guide those who are guiding the affairs of this nation. The first thing you have to do if you desire to get assistance from any body of people, is to see that the cause for which you are asking is a good cause. I venture to say that if there is an object which does deserve assistance by the State, it is the object for which we are met this afternoon. You are all doing your duty in assisting this Institution, but you can also be missionaries in this matter, and if you cannot go yourselves to the Royal Normal College, the least you can do is to be a special missionary and go among your friends and neighbours, and collect small sums of money. A man follows his gift, and however small his gift may be he is sure to ask, 'What has become of my shilling, and how is the Royal Normal College getting on ?' People always follow their money, and therefore I earnestly ask you to do what you can as missionaries to benefit the financial needs of this very worthy Institution."

W. S. Seton
Karr, Esq.

Mr. W. S. SETON-KARR :—

"Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Chairman—I have the pleasure to request your assent to what I am asked to move, a vote of thanks to the Duke of Westminster. You have heard so much about the condition of the Blind that I have only a few words to add. A speaker once said, 'We do not want your pity; we are not your equals, we are your superiors.' I do not want to add anything more except to request your assent to the following resolution :

" 'That the thanks of this Meeting be tendered to His Grace the Duke of Westminster for kindly permitting the Annual Meeting of the College to be held at Grosvenor House.' "

Colonel
Campbell.

Colouel CAMPBELL :—

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I have much pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks."

The Right Hon. Viscount SELBY :—

Rt. Hon
Viscount Selby.

“ I have the permission of the Chairman, though he does not consider it his duty to call upon me, to say a few words to you in proposing that as we have now given our sincere thanks to the Duke of Westminster for the use of his house on this occasion, we should add to that an equally cordial vote of thanks to the member for Westminster who has sat in the chair to-day. We are all grateful for his help in coming here, and we like to interest everybody in this Institution, but naturally we most of all desire to interest those who occupy positions such as he does. I might, in proposing the vote of thanks to him, perhaps be allowed to add our thanks to those who have spoken this afternoon, and most particularly to the two ladies who have made such eloquent speeches. I am sure they have shown, as ladies always do, that when we look for sympathy and help, it is to the ladies we must look first. The best way we can show our thanks to our Chairman and to the ladies is by doing our best to assist the Institution whose interests they have come here to support. I have to propose :—

“ ‘ That the thanks of this Meeting be tendered to the Hon. W. F. D. Smith for presiding. ’ ”

Rev. CANON BELL, M.A. :—

Rev. Canon
Bell.

“ Mr. Chairman, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen—When a public man, so much occupied as Mr. Smith is, is willing to take the chair for a good object, is backed up by a number of effective speakers, and is faced by a sympathetic audience, I think he would feel himself that he is more deserving of congratulation than of thanks. I am sure we must feel our Chairman has spent his afternoon very profitably in the support that he has given to this admirable Institution. It is not necessary to say more about it, except that having had many opportunities of watching this work as a near resident, and as a member of the Committee, I can cordially echo every word that has been said in its favour, and

exhort you to listen to the appeals that have been made so eloquently on its behalf."

Hon. W. F. D. Smith. The CHAIRMAN :—

"My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen—I am sure I can add nothing to what Canon Bell has said, because he has quite admirably expressed my own feelings. I am very glad to have been able to renew my acquaintance with the supporters of the Royal Normal College for the Blind."

Executive Committee's Acknowledgments.

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for a most enjoyable evening of song and recitation;

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THE SCOTTISH RAILWAY COMPANIES,
for substantial favours conferred, and for the kindness
of their Officers to our Pupils.

SPECIAL THANKS are due to the CRYSTAL PALACE AUTHORITIES
for providing a large number of our Pupils with seats
for Special Performances.

Pianoforte Tuning.*

Please note the College authorities send certificated pianoforte tuners to any part of the London Postal District, for tuning and repairing of pianos. Orders and inquiries addressed to the Manager, Pianoforte Tuning Department, Royal Normal College, Upper Norwood, S.E., will receive prompt attention.

The proof of the efficiency of the College tuners is that an ever increasing number of ladies and gentlemen, especially members of the musical profession, as well as manufacturers and music dealers, employ them, both in London and the Provinces.

Testimonials from those who are employing the College tuners will be found overleaf.

No tuner is granted a Certificate without serving an apprenticeship of several years, and undergoing a most thorough examination. George Rose, Esq., late of Messrs. Broadwood and Sons, Limited, is Chief Examiner. For the examination the pupil not only tunes pianos for inspection, but is actually tested while at work; the manner of holding and managing the tuning hammer and damper with different varieties of pianos, including overstrung instruments, being carefully noted. Each pupil is also required to demonstrate

* Pianoforte Tuning as a profession for the Blind was introduced many years ago by Claude Montal, a blind pupil of the Paris School, and founder of the manufacturing house that bears his name. To him is due the scientific method of tuning now general both among the Seeing and the Blind. In France it is well known the Blind make the best tuners, and there they readily find employment on the same terms as the Seeing.

his technical skill in making eyes, stringing, and ordinary light repairs, such as removing broken wrest pins, repairing hammer shanks, &c.*

Numbers of the College tuners are now successfully established at Aerington, Boston, Brighton, Cardiff, Carmarthen, Darlington, Dundee, Glasgow, Harrogate, Huddersfield, Kilmarnock, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Nottingham, Roehdale, Yarmouth, and many other towns. Residents in the above towns or neighbourhood desirous of employing our tuners will be furnished with their addresses upon application to the Manager of the Department.

The following Testimonials, selected from among the many received, testify to the thorough work of our Certificated Tuners.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC, TENTERDEN STREET,
HANOVER SQUARE, LONDON.

I have much pleasure in stating that I have been fully satisfied with the tuning of a grand pianoforte, belonging to this Institution, by a member of the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, Upper Norwood. The instrument in question has been tested by me, and I find it is in perfect tune; indeed, exceptional care has been bestowed upon it. I have therefore no hesitation at all in cordially recommending the tuners of the College to the public.

A. C. MACKENZIE.

45, BEDFORD GARDENS, CAMPDEN HILL, W.

I have great pleasure in expressing to you my entire satisfaction with the way my Broadwood grand was tuned by one of the tuners from your College.

With kind regards, believe me very truly,

G. HENSCHEL.

SYDCOTE, WEST DULWICH, S.E.

During the past ten years I have had my pianofortes tuned by certificated tuners from the Royal Normal College for the Blind, and am able to say that they have always given me the utmost satisfaction. I should be sorry to place my instruments under other hands.

WILLIAM H. CUMMINGS,

Principal, Guildhall School of Music.

* The perfunctory work of Blind pupils who merely linger two or three hours daily over a piano accomplishes very little towards fitting them for business. The pupil must be as diligent, energetic, and persevering as the seeing apprentice, and willing to give even more time for the necessary preparation.

33, GREAT PULTENEY STREET, LONDON, W.

With regard to the blind tuner employed here, Jackson, I cannot speak too highly of his skill and industry. You will, perhaps, remember that when you and I were, in 1887, examined by the Royal Commission, I spoke hesitatingly about the practicability of our house engaging a blind tuner for the showrooms, and you commented upon my doubt. I am bound to say Jackson has shown me my fear was uncalled for, although, perhaps, excusable from the novelty, at that time, of the circumstance.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN BROADWOOD & SONS, LTD.

(The late) A. J. HICKINS.

45, HONSEFERRY ROAD, WESTMINSTER, S.W.

In reply to your enquiry, we have pleasure in informing you that Kupper is still with us. He is a very excellent tuner, and a very industrious young man.

John Gill died suddenly a year ago. He had been former tuner at our factory for years, and was both a clever tuner and an excellent foreman, managing those under him admirably, in spite of his disadvantages. We greatly regretted his death.

Yours faithfully,

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103, NEW BOND STREET, LONDON, W.

We are in receipt of your favour of 21st inst., and have pleasure in informing you that the three tuners you mention have given us entire satisfaction. Mr. Moore has been here eleven years, and continues to give both our customers and ourselves complete satisfaction.

We are, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

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Yours faithfully,

A. HANSON & Co.

96, LEEDS ROAD, BRADFORD.

Dear Sir,

Respecting my tuners, I may say that Whitaker has now been in my employ about twenty-three years; Greaves about 16, and I have always found their work most satisfactory.

I remain, yours faithfully,

SAMUEL WALKER,

Organ Department.

The following past students of the Royal Normal College now hold organ appointments :—

Arthur Abbott.
 William Abbott.
 Samuel Allen.
 Lancelot Ashford.
 Thomas Beresford.
 Joshua Brand.
 Charles Broan.
 George Carter.
 William Clay.
 James Crowley, F.R.C.O.
 William Dowding.
 Henry Garrett.
 Thomas Gregory, A.R.C.O.
 Dennis Haller, F.R.C.O.
 Gilbert Hardebeck.
 Charles Hillyer.
 Alfred Hollins, F.R.C.O.
 Ernest Johns.
 Werner Kuntze.
 Olga Kuntze, L.R.A.M.
 Augustine Lander, A.R.C.O.
 Emily Lucas, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M.
 Edward Morrison.
 Henry Marshall.

Arthur Mayes.
 Andrew McCallum.
 Edwin Mence, A.R.C.O.
 Thomas Moyes, A.R.C.O.
 Wilfrid Norris.
 Marshall Pearson.
 John Pride.
 Leonard Pegg, L.R.A.M.
 William Preston.
 John Scolah.
 Leonard Smith.
 William Start, F.R.C.O.
 Arthur Sterricker.
 Frederiek Turner.
 Harry Turner.
 Herbert Warrilow, F.R.C.O.,
 L.R.A.M.
 Horace Watling, F.R.C.O.,
 L.R.A.M.
 Percy Way, F.R.C.O.
 Thomas White.
 John Whiteside, Mus. Bac.,
 F.R.C.O.
 John Wright.

There are a number of others with organ appointments, but as our recent letters have not been answered their names are not given.

Mr. W. F. Schweir, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., and eight others who held organ positions have died.

The following have recently taken the Fellowship Examination of the Royal College of Organists :—

Leslie Kenny	}	Continuing their studies at the College.
William Laurie		
John Lawson		
Victor Spanner		

The following are also Associates of the Royal College of Organists :—

Sidney Brooker, in business at Red Hill.

Alfred Carr, in business in London.

Hugh Howard, in business in Letchworth.

Alfred Harris, a teacher at the Nottingham Institution for the Blind.

Patrick Keily, in business.

Edward Austin	}	Continuing their studies at the College.
Alfred Thompson		
Percy Williams		

General Organisation and Course of Instruction.

The College includes five Departments :—A Preparatory School, a Secondary School, a Training College, a Technical School and an Academy of Music. The following is the Course of Instruction :—

1. Physical Education, including Gymnastics (English, Swedish, German, and American), Dancing and Deportment, Drill, Swimming, Skating, Rowing, Cycling, and other Sports.
2. General Education, including, in the Preparatory course, Kindergarten work, Reading, Writing, Scripture, Arithmetic, Geography, Modelling, Sloyd, Nature Study, and Object Lessons in the elements of various subjects; in the Secondary Course, Literature, History, Science, Mathematics, Typewriting, Shorthand, French, Latin, and Greek. In the Secondary course, the Students can prepare for the Board of Education and University Examinations. In the Smith Training College course, under the Education Department, the Students take the Training College Examination, and obtain their Certificates as School Teachers.
3. The Science and Practice of Music, including the training of Music Teachers, Pianists, Organists, Choirmasters, and Vocalists. The instruction afforded the pupils is equal to that given in the best Conservatoires for the Seeing. Those who intend to follow Music as a profession receive special training in the art of Teaching. Great attention is given to Chanting and the Training and Management of Choirs. All the pupils attend numerous Lectures, Recitals, and Concerts.

4. Technical Education, including Mechanical Training and Pianoforte Tuning. No Tuner is granted a Certificate without serving an apprenticeship of several years, and undergoing a thorough Mechanical Examination.

Religious
Instruction.

The College is undenominational and the pupils are taken to the Churches and Chapels in the vicinity, in accordance with the wishes of their parents or guardians.

For religious instruction the pupils are arranged in classes, Church of England and Nonconformist, under the charge of the resident teachers, while members of other sects are under teachers of their own denomination.

Kindergarten
and
Preparatory
School.

The children in the Preparatory Department have separate houses and playgrounds, where all the arrangements are adapted to the special requirements of children. They come to the main school building for morning and evening services, classes, pianoforte, singing and harmony lessons, and also for all the Musical Recitals, Lectures, etc.

They have classes in the Gymnasium and lessons in the Swimming Bath. This arrangement gives the children the advantages of the Cottage system and at the same time the resources of a large school.

Secondary
Department.

In the Secondary Department some students prepare for University Examinations and others for the Preliminary Examination of the Board of Education. Those who pass the latter examination afterwards take the course in the Smith Training College. The pupils in the Musical Department join these students in some subjects, and thus obtain that mental culture which is so important to the success of blind musicians. The pupils have the use of a large and well selected library, containing 5,837 volumes. They attend

University Extension Lectures, Lectures to Teachers given under the auspices of the London County Council, and a course given in the College Hall by the Upper Norwood Literary and Scientific Society.

A large number of the pupils in the School Department learn Typewriting. typewriting as soon as they become thoroughly proficient in reading and writing Braille. It is an invaluable help in writing notes of lessons, compositions, analyses, etc., besides forming the means of communication with a large number of sighted friends, and an incentive to become a good letter writer.

A few who show special aptitude for the work afterwards take an advanced course, which includes shorthand writing, tabulating, duplicate and other copying, plays, specifications and the general routine requirements of a commercial house.

The Physical Department has a large Gymnasium provided Physical Department. with 55 distinct pieces of apparatus, embracing the best features of the Swedish, American and German systems. There is also a Skating Rink and Swimming Bath. A large Playground affords plenty of free space where the pupils can engage in races and other athletic games, and it is furnished with a Cycle Track, Swings, Tilts, Skittle Alleys, Giant Strides, Balance Beam, etc.

The Musical Department is furnished with 60 pianos, five Musical Department. pipe organs and a large library of Braille music. In this department the indirect instruction gained in Recitals and Concerts proves an important part of the training. The weekly Recitals of Mr. Frits Hartvigson and Mr. H. L. Balfour, F.R.C.O., Mus. Bae., are attended by the whole school. Once a fortnight Mr. S. Maepheron lectures on Musical Composers and their work. The Pupils also attend many of the best Concerts in London.

**Pianoforte
Tuning.**

There are thirty pianos set apart for instruction and practice in pianoforte tuning. We have a great variety of instruments, including three modern German pianos, in order that the Pupils may become acquainted with the mechanical construction of various makers. In addition to these there are sixty pianos in the Musical Department to be kept in tune and repair. We have five old pianos and four frames for teaching stringing, also models for teaching repairing, and others for showing the different actions used by different makers. Pupils gain further experience by working at Piano Factories in London, before being permitted to sit for their Certificate examination.

Rules and Terms for the Admission of Pupils.

The College is open to the young Blind of either sex up to **Age Limit.** the age of twenty-one.

The annual charge for pupils sent by subscription or school **Fees.** authorities is as follows :—

Under 13	..	..	..	..	£35
Between 13 and 16	..	..	..	..	£45
Over 16	..	..	..	..	£65*

These fees cover board, lodging, washing and medical attendance, but do **not include clothing or travelling expenses.** If, however, it is desired that the clothing should be procured by the College authorities, arrangements may be made with the Principal.

The terms for private pupils will be furnished by the Principal on application.

Payments in all cases must be made in advance, Payment. and are due 1st October, 1st January, and 1st April. The first and second payments are for three months each, and the third for four months. All cheques and Post Office Orders, in payment for pupils, should be sent to the Principal at the College.

* The Gardner Trust grants Scholarships, after examination, in aid of the young Blind of England and Wales, whose friends cannot pay the entire cost. See p. 67.

**Illness and
remission of
Fees.**

No remission will be made unless a pupil, through illness, has been absent consecutively for at least half the term. In the event of such illness, the Executive Committee, upon written application being made to them, accompanied by a proper medical certificate, will remit half the term's fee. In no instance will more than this amount be remitted.

**Withdrawal
of Pupils.**

Notice of withdrawal of a pupil must be sent in writing to the Principal not later than three months prior to the withdrawal: failing compliance with this regulation, payment of half the fee for the next term will in all cases be required.

School Terms.

The Winter or Michaelmas Term will commence on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 20th and 21st September, 1910, and terminate Tuesday and Wednesday, the 20th and 21st December.

The Spring or Easter Term will commence on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 3rd and 4th January, 1911, and terminate Tuesday and Wednesday, the 4th and 5th April.

The Summer Term will commence on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 18th and 19th April 1911, and terminate Tuesday and Wednesday, the 25th and 26th July, 1911.

**Admission of
Pupils.**

Pupils will be admitted at the beginning of each of the terms. If possible they should enter at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term and leave at Christmas or at the end of the Summer Term.

**Attendance
of Pupils.**

Pupils are expected to be in attendance at the College on the first day of each Term, and if prevented by illness, notice of that illness, accompanied by a medical certificate, must be sent to the Principal prior to the day on which the Term commences, or the pupil is liable to have his or her name removed from the College Register.

As it is of the utmost importance to keep up home ties Home Ties between pupils and their families, it is desirable that all pupils shall spend at least the summer vacation with their parents or friends, but pupils are not required to leave the College during the Christmas or Easter recess.

All pupils must be provided with strong clothes, either Clothing. new or in perfect repair, as per the following lists, and their parents, friends, or guardians will be required to renew the clothing when deemed necessary by the Committee. **Pupils whose eyes are disfiguring will be required to wear Glasses. glasses. The glasses should be obtained at the College.**

The use of tobacco in all forms is strictly forbidden. All Use of Tobacco and Alcohol. pupils, without regard to age, during their connection with the College, must abstain from the use of tobacco, either on or off the College premises. The use of beer, wine, or any drink containing alcohol is only allowed when ordered by the medical authorities of the College.

In all cases the following questions must be answered. Questions. The questions are not, however, put with a view to exclusion, but for information regarding the pupils, upon the official application form obtainable from the College.

QUESTIONS.

To be answered on Application for Admission.

- (a) Name of the applicant.
- (b) Date of birth.
- (c) Present residence.
- (d) Names, occupation, and circumstances of the applicant's parents or guardians.
- (e) Can the applicant wash, dress, and feed himself?

- (f) Is the applicant truthful, honest, and well-conducted ?
- (g) Has the applicant been in any other Institution ?
If so, which, and why did he leave ?
- (h) Has the applicant received any education, and if so,
to what extent ?
- (i) How has the applicant been hitherto employed ?

WE, the undersigned, do hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the answers to the foregoing questions are true.

Name.....

Occupation

Address

Name.....

Occupation

Address

Date19.....

This Certificate must be signed by the Parent or Guardian, and a Minister of Religion to whom the Applicant is personally known ; or, in case of a School Authority, by the Clerk to such Authority and the School Attendance Officer for the district in which the child resides.

QUESTIONS.

To be answered by a Medical Man.

- (a) Is the applicant totally blind ?
- (b) If not, does he possess sufficient sight to enable him to read the ordinary school books used by sighted children ?
- A child is defined as being blind by the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893, if unable to do this.*
- (c) What appears to have been the cause of blindness ?
- (d) Has the applicant (1) had Smallpox ? or (2) been Vaccinated, and is there satisfactory evidence that the infection was complete ?
- (e) Has the applicant had Measles, Whooping Cough, or Scarlet Fever ?
- (f) Is the applicant free from fits, scrofula, and from any dangerous or communicable disorder ?
- (g) Does the applicant suffer from any bodily weakness or deformity, except blindness ?
- (h) Has the applicant sufficient *intellect* and *health* to be capable of being usefully taught ?

Name.....

Qualification

Address

Date.....

In cases in which the pupil is not entirely paid for by his *Guarantor*, or her friends, some reliable person must give a guarantee that **the necessary clothing will be supplied** ; that the pupil will be removed from the College during the summer vacations ; and, in case of death, that the funeral expenses will be paid.

Parents or friends can visit the pupils on the first Wednesday in November, February, April, and June between 2 and 5.30 p.m. If, for any special reason, parents wish to see their children at other times, they should write to the Principal for an appointment. As a rule, it is not expected that more than two friends will visit any pupil on the same afternoon. When visiting the College, parents are earnestly requested not to bring young children with them. *Friends cannot visit the pupils on Sunday; this rule is strictly enforced.* Parents are specially requested not to bring or send sweets or eatables to the children. If the children go out with their parents, they must not undertake commissions for other pupils.

N.B.—Application and inquiries in regard to the admission of pupils should be addressed to the Principal, Sir Francis Campbell, LL.D., "Windermere," Church Road, Upper Norwood, S.E., who will gladly forward forms and any further particulars. Persons can see the Principal on business on Fridays from 11.30 to 1 p.m., and 4 to 6 p.m.; otherwise by appointment.

LIST OF CLOTHING.

FEMALE DEPARTMENT.

Stays and tight-fitting dresses are prohibited. Dresses and other clothing must give ample room across the chest. Dresses narrow across the chest invariably lead to bad positions. Parents are especially requested to attend to this requirement, as the health very much depends upon proper clothing. The skirts of the school dresses must be at least 2½ inches from the ground, to allow freedom in walking.

- 1 Sunday dress.
- 2 Week-day dresses.
- 1 Gymnastic suit, which should be purchased at the College, and must be renewed when necessary.
- 1 White petticoat.
- 2 Coloured petticoats.
- 2 Flannel petticoats.
- 3 Undervests (flannel or merino, high-necked and long-sleeved).

- 3 Chemises.
- 3 Bodiees (supplied with buttons for supporting the skirts).
- 4 Pairs of drawers.
- 3 Nightgowns.
- 1 Flannel dressing gown.
- 12 Towels.
- 8 Pocket-handkerchiefs (at least).
- 6 Aprons or pinafores.
- 4 Pairs of stockings.
- 1 Pair of best boots.
- 2 Pairs of strong boots.
- 1 Pair of slippers.
- 2 Hats.
- 1 Sunday jacket.
- 1 Week-day ditto, or shawl.
- 1 Waterproof.
- 2 Pairs of gloves.
- A sufficient quantity of collars and cuffs.
- 1 Comb and brush.
- 1 Small-toothed comb.
- 1 Nail brush.
- 1 Tooth brush.
- 2 Small bags for combs and brush.
- 2 Bags for soiled linen.

N.B.—The gymnastic outfit is indispensable, and should be obtained at the College, as it is important to have all the suits alike. If the clothing and gymnastic outfit are not provided, it will be the duty of the Principal to suspend the pupil. If parents will furnish 15s. for the first year, and 10s. each succeeding year, the pupil will be kept fully supplied with all that is required for the Physical Department.

MALE DEPARTMENT.

- 1 Sunday suit (of black or dark navy blue material).
- 2 Very strong week-day suits.
- Coats and vests must be broad across the chest, to give the lungs full play.
- 3 Shirts.
- 2 Night shirts.

6 Collars (at least).

The bands of shirts and collars are often too small : this is a fatal error, as it not only injures the health, but prevents all chance of progress in singing.

6 Pocket-handkerchiefs (at least).

4 Pairs dark worsted stockings or socks.

1 Warm coat or cloak.

1 Stiff black felt hat for Sunday.

2 College caps (furnished at the College at 1s. 6d. each).

2 Pairs of gloves (1 pair of plain dark woollen material or woollen-lined for winter use, and 1 pair of dark coloured dog-skin gloves for the summer).

1 Pair of Sunday boots.

2 Pairs of very strong boots for week-day use (without hob-nails).

(Parents are requested to exercise special care in regard to the size of the boots. They are often too small.)

1 Pair of leather-soled slippers, with low heels (furnished at the College at lowest wholesale rates).

Gymnastic shoes (black), jerseys (dark navy blue, with 2-inch collar), cap and belt (furnished at the College at the lowest wholesale rates).

2 Woollen vests.

2 Pairs woollen drawers.

1 Comb and hair brush.

1 Small-toothed comb.

2 Small bags for comb and brush.

1 Tooth brush.

1 Bag for soiled linen.

The rule in regard to the supply of clothing is imperative.

N.B.—The gymnastic outfit is indispensable, and should be obtained at the College, as it is important to have all the suits alike. If the clothing and gymnastic outfit are not provided, it will be the duty of the Principal to suspend the pupil. If parents will furnish 15s. for the first year, and 10s. each succeeding year, the pupil will be kept fully supplied with all that is required for the Physical Department.

Gardner Scholars.

The following tabulated statement gives the names of "Gardner Scholars" under instruction, December, 1909 :—

COLLEGE.

Boys.

Anstey, Sidney.	Fairburn, Herbert.	Lawson, John.
Austin, E. C.	Foster, Sidney.	Norman, Bertie.
Bennett, Frederick.	Fraser, Andrew.	Orvis, Owen.
Bodger, Wm.	Gilbert, Christopher.	Riley, Ernest.
Chapman, Geo.	Gregory, Stanley	Sharpe, Edgar.
Crook, Ernest.	Gordon, James.	Spanner, Victor.
Crowley, James.	Hardwick, William.	Spittle, Stanley.
Cryer, Edwin.	Harrison, Cyril.	Stephenson, Joshua.
Custance, Geo.	Irwin, Harry.	Thompson, William.
Dalzell, Herbert.	Jepson, George.	Topping, Leonard.
Drake, William.	Johns, James.	Warriner, Thomas.
Duffin, Frederick.	Johnson, Edmund.	Welham, Charles.
Dugdale, James.	Laurie, William.	Wood, Austin.

GIRLS.

Adshead, Lily.	Green, Mabel.	Smith, Gertrude.
Auger, Elvira.	Harbridge, Rose.	Steel, Maud.
Baugh, Ruth.	Johnson, Mary.	Sullivan, Margaret.
Burrell, Dora.	Kenny, Florence.	Swinney, Maud.
Caslake, Barbara.	Leitch, Nellie.	Thirkill, Susan.
Draper, Rhoda.	Lewis, Mary.	Till, Cissie.
Fearnley, Rebecca.	Macgregor, Kate.	Turner, Henrietta.
Field, Ethel.	Nixon, Isabel.	Wier, Maud
Foster, Florence.	Owen, Maud.	Wheeler, Annie.
Giles, Emma E.	Shiell, Florence,	

TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Bennett, Charles.	Robinson, Ralph.	Walker, Wilfrid.
Catherall, Roland.	Thomas, Walter.	Waterman, William.
Griffiths, James.	Thompson, Alfred.	Wearmouth, Percy.
Morgan, D. Rees.	Thompson, William.	

The Gardner Scholarships in the College are open to all the young Blind of England and Wales, between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one. Those who wish to prepare for the examination are recommended to communicate with the Principal. Candidates for the College should read and write Braille with facility and correctness, and be well grounded in Arithmetic, English Grammar and Geography; these subjects are essential, but credit will be given for practical knowledge in other subjects. Applicants are admitted to the Technical School up to the age of twenty-one, and in some cases as old as twenty-five.

The Royal Normal College and

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE

Dr.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Pupils' Accounts :—						
Contributions from Public Bodies						
and others on Pupils' Accounts	7,402	18	9			
Less Fees returned		35	12	8		
				7,367	6	1
„ Government Grant :—						
Elementary, Secondary, and						
Training College Departments				591	13	9
„ General Subscriptions	661	2	0			
„ „ Donations	1,095	1	10			
				1,759	3	10
„ Legacy				460	1	11
„ Interest on India Stock and Consols				45	6	6
„ Sundry Receipts				10	14	5
„ Balance—Expenditure in Excess						
of Income for the year				1,010	2	9
Carried forward	£11,244	12	3			

Academy of Music for the Blind.

TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1909.

				Cr.			
EXPENDITURE.							
				£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
By Educational :—							
Salaries—General ..	1,052	2	0				
„ Musical ..	967	9	11				
„ Technical ..	608	15	3				
				2,628	7	2	
Appliances, Books, School Stationery, &c. ..				70	10	2	
Repairs to Pianos, Organs, Books, &c. ..				86	10	8	
Travelling of Pupils to Pianoforte Factories, &c. ..				108	6	11	
							2,893 14 11
„ Maintenance :—							
Salaries and Wages ..				925	17	11	
Provisions ..				3,099	13	5	
Fire and Lighting ..				654	12	0	
Washing and Cleaning ..				631	14	6	
Haberdashery ..				7	6	6	
Registry Office Fees, &c. ...				4	9	0	
							5,323 13 4
Nursing and Medicine ..							37 16 6
„ Office Expenses :—							
Salaries ..				438	7	6	
Postages and Telegrams ..				82	6	11	
Stationery ..				42	14	8	
							563 9 1
„ Garden outlay :—							
Wages ..				221	15	4	
Requisites ..				9	12	2	
							231 7 6
Carried forward ..							9,050 1 4

The Royal Normal College and
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE

Dr.**INCOME—continued.**

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	11,244	12	3

£11,244 12 3

We have examined the above Account, and compared it in accordance therewith. We have satisfied ourselves that the 2½ % Preference Stock of the Midland Railway are duly registered in the

MIALl, WILKINS, RANDALL & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

Academy of Music for the Blind.

TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1909.

Cr.

EXPENDITURE—*continued*.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				£9,050	1	4

By General Expenses :—

Interest on Mortgage and Bank						
Loan	607	14	0			
Rent, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance	551	15	3			
Printing and Advertising ..	156	14	3			
Alterations, Fixtures and Repairs	565	10	7			
Renewals, Wear and Tear, &c. ..	162	16	11			
Travelling Expenses	38	11	11			
Concert and Meetings for the						
College	11	8	0			
Bank Charges and Sundries ..	61	2	1			
				<hr/>	2,155	13 3
Total Ordinary Expenditure					11,205	11 7

,, Capital Outlay :—

Office Appliances	35	19	0			
Furniture	2	18	8			
				<hr/>	38	17 8
					<hr/>	£11,241 12 3

detail with the books and vouchers, and certify that it is in India Stock, 2½ % Consolidated Stock, and 2½ % Perpetual names of the College Trustees.

23, St. Swithin's Lane, E.C.,

5th April, 1910.

The Royal Normal College and

MORTGAGE REDEMPTION ACCOUNT FOR THE

Dr.

RECEIPTS.

						£	s.	d.
To Balance, as per last Account	..	..	..	..	..	1,329	11	2
„ Subscriptions	..	..	..	..	..	13	2	0
„ Legacies	..	..	..	..	..	981	13	4

£2,324 6 6

GEORGE THOMAS ROSE

Dr.

RECEIPTS.

						£	s.	d.
To Cash :—								
Amount of Legacy	..	..	..	..	..	500	0	0
Dividend on Stock	..	..	..	..	..	8	9	6

£508 9 6

MEMORANDUM AS TO ASSETS.

The property of the College consists of :—

1. Freehold Ground with Buildings, Furniture and Appliances, subject to a Mortgage of £15,000, bearing interest at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum.

Towards the extinction of the Mortgage Debt a sum of £441 per annum has been paid to the Charity Commissioners since 1900, the amount so paid being £4,110.

2. £1,372 17s. 0d. India $2\frac{1}{2}$ % Stock.
3. £543 8s. 3d. Consolidated $2\frac{1}{2}$ % Stock.
4. £716 16s. 11d. Midland Railway $2\frac{1}{2}$ % Perpetual Preference Stock (held for the G. T. Rose Memorial Prize Fund.)

There is an outstanding Bank Loan from Barelay & Co., Ltd., amounting to £3,000.

Academy of Music for the Blind.

TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1909.

EXPENDITURE.				Cr.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Payment to Charity Commissioners on						
Account of Mortgage				411	0	0
„ Balance :—						
Amount due from General Fund	1,059	0	0			
Cash at Bankers	824	6	6			
				1,883	6	6
				£2,324	6	6

MEMORIAL PRIZE FUND.

EXPENDITURE.				Cr.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Midland Railway :—						
Purchase of £716 16s. 11d. 2½ % Perpetual						
Preference Stock				500	0	0
„ Cash in hand				8	9	6
				£508	9	6

List of Donations and Subscriptions

FOR THE

GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE COLLEGE.

RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1909.

The Principal will be glad to be informed of any inaccuracies in this List.

	Donations.			Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Acland, Rt. Hon. A. H. D.				1	1	0
"A. D. P."	1	1	0			
Allbutt, Miss				1	1	0
Allen, W. E., Esq.				2	2	0
Amos, L. J. V., Esq.	2	2	0			
Anderson, E. G. L., Esq.				2	2	0
Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. F. H.				5	0	0
Anncsley, Mrs.				10	6	
Anonymous (per L. & S. W. Bank) ..	50	0	0			
Anonymous	5	5	0			
Anonymous	5	0	0			
Anonymous (per Mrs. Roche)	5	0	0			
Anonymous	1	0	0			
Anonymous (per Miss Millard)	10	0				
Anonymous	6	6				
Anonymous	2	0				
Anonymous	2	0				
Ashcroft, Miss M. E.				10	0	
Aste, Miss				1	1	0
Aste, Miss S.				1	1	0
Atkin, G. D., Esq.	1	1	0			
Atkin, J. C., Esq.	10	0				
Awcock, Mrs. (collected)	1	10	0			
Bailward, T. H. M., Esq.				3	3	0
Baird, F. J. L., Esq.				1	1	0
Baird, Mrs.				1	1	0
Baker, Mrs. (collected)	11	0				
Balfour, Miss L. J.				10	6	
Ballour, Mrs. G.				1	0	0
Barbour, Lady				1	0	0
Barker, John, Esq.				1	1	0
Barnard, A., Esq.				10	6	
Barrett, T. F., Esq.				1	0	0
Bean, Miss Florence				1	1	0
Beardmore, Mrs. and Miss Bernard ..	1	1	0			
Amounts forward ..	£75	1	6	25	16	6

	Donations.			Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amounts forward ..	75	1	6	25	16	6
Beddow, Josiah, Esq.				10	10	0
Beddow, Miss				2	2	0
Beeching, Major-General F.				1	1	0
Bell, Miss E.				1	0	0
Benthall, Miss				10	0	
Benton, Mrs.				10	6	
Benton, P., Esq.				10	6	
Berridge, Miss C. E.	10	0				
Bevington, Mrs. S. B.				1	1	0
Blades, Mrs.				1	1	0
Blind Tea Agency (per C. E. Dustow, Esq.)				2	2	0
Body, C. A., Esq.				2	2	0
Boswell, Mrs.				1	0	0
Boulter, R. S. L., Esq.				1	1	0
Bouverie, H. H. P., Esq.				5	0	0
Bowles, Mr. and Mrs.				1	1	0
Braddon, Mr. and Mrs. J. B.				10	6	
Branfill, Mrs. J.	5	0				
Bray, Miss F. (collecting card)	6	0				
Bright, Lady				10	0	
Bright, T. J., Esq.				1	1	0
Broadwood, Miss A.	5	0	0			
Brocklehurst, Miss				2	2	0
Brocklehurst, Mrs.				1	1	0
Brooke, H. W., Esq.				2	2	0
Brooke, Miss				10	10	0
Brown, A. W., Esq.				1	1	0
Brown, Miss				10	6	
Buchanan, Mrs.				3	3	0
Budgen, Miss				1	1	0
Budgen, Mrs.				1	1	0
Bull, Mrs.				10	6	
Burne, Miss M. E.				5	0	
Burrowes, The late W. B., Esq. (per P.						
Burrowes, Esq.). for 1908				1	0	0
Caldicott, Mrs.				1	1	0
Campbell, Miss E. L.				1	0	0
Campbell, Mrs. J. V.				1	1	0
Cardel, Mrs.	2	2	0			
Chamberlain, Miss				1	1	0
Chance, Sir Wm. (per L. & S.W. Bank)				1	1	0
Chapman, Miss L.				1	1	0
Charity Organization Society, per:—				1	1	0
Allen, H. J., Esq.	25	0	0			
Anonymous				2	0	0
Donkin, E. H., Esq.				10	0	0
Dryborough, T. B., Esq.				6	0	0
Fleming Tarbett, Esq.				21	0	0
"H. P."				2	2	0
Latham, Morton, Esq.						
Amounts forward ..	£108	4	6	131	5	0

	Donations.			Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amounts forward ..	108	4	6	134	5	0
Letchworth, Miss E.				1	0	0
Macandrew, Mrs.	20	0	0			
Ormerod, Miss J.				10	0	
Palmer, Lt.-General Sir Roger, Bart. ..				5	0	0
Scott, D. H., Esq.				1	10	0
Soames, Harold, Esq.				10	0	0
Wagner, H., Esq.				5	5	0
Charles, The Misses E. and S.				5	0	
Chauncey, Miss E. M.				1	1	0
Child-Study Society, The London ..	2	2	0			
Chittick, Chas., Esq.				1	1	0
Chitty, G. W., Esq.				2	2	0
Christian, from Readers of The	1	0	0			
Clarke, Mrs. and Miss				1	1	0
Clarkson, Mrs.	1	1	0			
Coates, Major E. F., M.P.				1	1	0
Cobb, Mrs.				1	1	0
Cobbett, W. W., Esq., (per W. H. Cummings, Esq., Mus. Doc.)	1	1	0			
Cobbold, F. T., Esq., M.P., (per Mr. L. H. Ashford)				1	1	0
Cohen, Mrs. Hermann				1	1	0
Coleman Mrs.				1	1	0
Collins, Joseph, Esq., The late	1	0	0			
Collinsplatt, Miss F.				1	1	0
Colquhoun, The Rev. J. E. Campbell ..	2	0	0			
Cook, Frank H., Esq. (donations 1909-10)	10	0	0			
Coope, Miss J. E.				1	1	0
Cooper, F., Esq.				1	1	0
Cooper, R. Esq.				1	1	0
Cordeaux, Miss K. M.				1	1	0
Cottell, Mrs.				1	0	0
Cox, Messrs. G. T. & Sons, Ltd.				1	1	0
Crampton, Mrs.	10	6				
Cropley, Miss M. A.				10	6	
Crossley, Mrs.				5	0	
Crum, Miss J. E.				1	1	0
Cumberbatch, Mrs.				1	1	0
Cumberland, General	10	0		10	0	
Cunnington, Miss A. E. M.	10	6				
Cunnington, T., Esq.				10	6	
Gurwen, Mrs.	1	1	0			
Cutler, Miss	5	5	0			
Darbyshire, Mrs.				1	0	0
Darnell, W. F., Esq. (per G. M. C.) ..	5	5	0			
Darwin, W. E., Esq.				1	1	0
Dawson, Mrs.				1	1	0
Debenham, Frank, Esq.				5	0	0
Delph, Miss H.				1	1	0
Dennett, H. R., Esq.	2	6				
Amounts forward ..	£159	13	0	188	12	0

	Amounts forward ..	Donations.			Subscriptions		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Denton, Mrs.	159	13	0	188	12	0
De Pass, Mrs.				1	1	0
Desborough, The Rt. Hon. Lord, K.C.V.O., (per G. M. C.)				2	2	0
"D. J."	10	10	0			
Donner, Mrs.	2	2	0	2	0	0
Dow, Alexander, Esq.	1	1	0			
Downes, The Rev. R. P., LL.D.				1	1	0
Duff, Daniel, Esq.				5	5	0
Dysart, The Rt. Hon. the Earl of	10	0	0			
"E. A. D., In Memoriam"				1	1	0
Eeles, Miss				5	0	0
Edwards, Mrs.				10	0	
Elliott, Sir Charles				2	2	0
Ellis, Mrs.				1	1	0
Epps, Miss				1	1	0
"E. S."				1	1	0
Eschwege, H., Esq.				5	5	0
Eumorfopoulos, The Misses		5	0			
Evangelical Alliance	2	4	11			
Evans, General and Mrs.				5	0	
Evans, Miss				1	1	0
"E. W." (collected)	1	5	6			
"E. W. H., In Memory of," (per D. Q. Henriques, Esq.)	2	2	0			
Fawcett, Mrs.				2	2	0
Fawcett, Mrs.				1	0	0
Fearnley, Miss	15	0	0			
Field, Miss				1	0	0
Fitz-Patriek, Miss				1	0	0
Focke, E. Esq.				1	1	0
Fordham, Mrs. C. L.				1	0	0
Foster, Mrs.				5	0	0
Foster, Philip S., Esq., M.P.				1	1	0
Foster, P. S., Esq., per Lord Stalbridge				1	1	0
Fox, Councillor Major J. E., (Life donation)	..	5	5	0			
Franks, W. J., Esq.	2	2	0			
Freeman, Miss				1	1	0
Furneaux, Mrs.				1	1	0
Gabriel, Mrs. Arnold				1	1	0
Gairdner, Mrs.		5	0			
Gardner, Miss M. S. (10s. donation, 10s. collected)	1	0	0			
Garnett, Mrs.				5	0	0
Garrett, Miss W. M.				1	1	0
Geare, H. C., Esq.						
"G. F."		10	0			
"G. F. L. M."	1	1	0			
Amounts forward	£214	11	5	241	17	0

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amounts forward ..	214	11	5	241	17	0
Gibbs, Miss D. H.				10	0	0
Gibson, Miss E. B. (subscription for 1908-9)				2	2	0
Gillespie, Mrs.	2	0	0			
Gissing, Rear-Admiral C. E., (per L. & S.W. Bank)				1	1	0
Gladstone, S. H., Esq.				2	2	0
Glendinning, G. H., Esq.				1	1	0
Goetze, Mrs.				1	1	0
Goff, Miss A.				1	0	0
Goldring, A. R., Esq.	1	1	0			
Gore, Lt.-Colonel F. A.	1	0	0			
Graeey, Thos., Esq.				1	1	0
Grant, Dundas, Esq., M.A., M.D.				1	1	0
Grant, Mrs.				1	0	0
Gray, Mrs. F. J.				1	1	0
Gt. International Plate Glass Insurance Co., Ltd. (per Max Kuehn, Esq.) ..	1	1	0			
Green, Mrs.				5	0	0
Green, Miss Mabel (collected)	1	0	0			
Griffith, The late Mrs. W. P.				2	2	0
Grimwade, E. W., Esq., J.P.	1	1	0			
Grimwade, Mrs. Herbert (subscription for 1908-9)				1	1	0
Hadgraft, Miss B. M.		5	0			
Haig, Mrs.	1	0	0			
Halle, The late J. B., Esq.				1	1	0
Haller, per Miss :—						
Cussons, Mrs.				1	0	0
Denniss, Lt.-Colonel C. S.				10	0	
Ferens, T. R., Esq., M.P.				3	3	0
Haller, A. S., Esq.				1	1	0
Haller, Miss E.				10	0	
Hodgson, R., Esq.				10	6	
Holmes, T. B., Esq., J.P.				1	1	0
Lyth, W. M., Esq.				5	0	
Pauling, R., Esq.				1	0	0
Reckitt, Sir Jas., Bart.				1	1	0
Saunders, J. H., Esq.				10	6	
Whipp, A. E., Esq.				1	1	0
Haller, G. Denniss, Esq.				1	1	0
Haller, Miss A. M.				10	0	
Harding, Mr. G. I.						
Harrison, J., Esq.	3	0		2	2	0
Hart, Miss E. A (collected)	7	6				
Hartrigson, Fritz, Esq.				5	5	0
Haversham, The Rt. Hon. Lord				2	2	0
“ H. B.”				2	0	0
Henderson, Surg.-Gen. J., M.D.				2	2	0
Herbage, Walter, Esq.				1	1	0
Hocart, Mrs.				1	1	0
Amounts forward ..	£223	9	11	302	8	0

	Donations.			Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amounts forward ..	223	9	11	302	8	0
Holbrook, J., Esq.				10	6	
Holland, Mrs.				1	0	0
Hollins, J., Esq.				1	1	0
Holmes, General P. S. (subscription for 1908-9)				2	0	0
Homer, Miss				2	2	0
Hornby, Miss M. L.	10	0	0			
Horne, Thos., Esq.				2	0	0
Horner, Miss				10	6	
Houghton, Miss				1	1	0
Houldsworth, J. H., Esq.				10	0	0
Houldsworth, Lady	1	0	0			
Hovenden, F., Esq.				1	1	0
Howard, Joseph, Esq., J.P.				1	1	0
"In Memoriam, G. A. M." (per F. J. M.)	10	0	0			
Innell, F. A., Esq.		10	0			
Jackman, C. E., Esq. (subscription for 1908-9)				2	2	0
Jackson, Sir Thomas	2	2	0			
James, Miss E. E.		5	0			
Jeffrey, Miss M. S., A.R.C.M., L.I.S.M.	10	0				
Jervis, Miss				1	1	0
Johnceline, E. C., Esq.				1	1	0
Johnson, Jørgensen, & Wettre, Messrs.				3	3	0
Johnston, Geo. Lawson, Esq.				10	10	0
Johnston, Mrs.				1	1	0
Johnstone, Mrs.				1	0	0
Joseph, Mrs. M.				1	1	0
Justice, Miss H. E.				1	1	0
Kelly, H., Esq.	2	2	0			
Kendall, Surg.-Major B.				1	1	0
Knowles, Miss J.				1	1	0
Lake, Mrs.	10	0				
Lambert, E. W., Esq.				1	1	0
Lambrick, J., Esq.				1	1	0
Lancaster, Miss E.				1	1	0
Langford, J., Esq.				1	1	0
Latham, F. L., Esq.				2	0	0
Lauder, Mrs. Stack				1	1	0
Laurie, J. M., Esq.				1	1	0
Lawrence, Miss A. J.				1	1	0
Lawrence, W. F., Esq.				2	2	0
Leachman, A. W., Esq., M.D.				1	1	0
Leathersellers, The Worshipful Com- pany of				26	5	0
Leisler, Miss.				1	0	0
Lemprière, Miss				2	2	0
Amounts forward ..	£250	8	11	390	14	0

	Amounts forward ..	Donations.			Subscriptions.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		250	8	11	390	11	0
Leo, The Misses					1	0	0
Leslie, The late A., Esq.					10	6	
Lewis, Miss					1	1	0
Lewis, Miss S. Waller					1	1	0
Lindsay, Lady					2	0	0
Linneear, G. W., Esq.		5	0				
Lloyd, Mrs. R. S.					15	0	0
Lloyd, Mrs. Theodore					5	5	0
Lloyd-Verney, Mrs					1	1	0
Lock, Miss Emily					10	0	
London and Provincial Tea Company, Ltd. (per A. Carr, Esq.)					1	1	0
Longhurst, Mr. and Mrs.					1	1	0
Love, per Miss :—							
Gilkison, D. S., Esq.					2	0	0
Love, Miss					1	1	0
Mackinnon, D., Esq.					5	0	0
Mackinnon, Mrs. Peter					2	2	0
Niven, Geo., Esq.					1	1	0
Paulin, V. David, Esq.					1	0	0
Love, Wm. McNaughton, Esq.					2	2	0
Lovejoy, Miss A. B. Cecil					1	1	0
Lumsden, R., Esq.					1	1	0
MaeCall, Mrs.					1	1	0
Maedonald, Mrs. E. L.					1	1	0
Macfarren, Lady					1	1	0
Maekenzie, Mrs. (per L. & S.W. Bank)					1	1	0
Maekinley, Lient.-Colonel					1	0	0
Mackinnon, Miss Mary (per Mrs. Peter Mackinnon		10	0	0			
Maekinnon, Mrs. John					5	0	0
Maitland, A. C. R., Esq.		1	0	0			
Mann, Miss					1	1	0
Manns, Lady					2	2	0
Mansell, Mrs. Byron		10	0				
Maréchaux, Miss		10	0				
Marshall, Miss M. J.					10	6	
Marshall, Mrs.					10	0	
Marzetti, Claude, Esq.					2	0	0
Mather, Mrs.					2	0	0
Mather, Sir William		100	0	0			
Maxwell, Miss					1	0	0
May, J. E., Esq.		1	1	0			
“ M. C. N.”					5	5	0
Mee, The Misses					10	0	
Mellor, James, Esq.					10	6	
Meyer, H., Esq.,		1	1	0			
Michell Richard C., Esq.		3	3	0			
Millidge, Miss					2	2	0
Milner's Safe Co., Ltd.		8	14	9			
Amounts forward ..		£376	13	8	464	7	6

	Amounts forward ..	Donations.			Subscriptions.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Moeller, Mrs. Hurst	376	13	8	464	7	6
Morehead, Miss A.				1	1	0
Morehead, Miss K.				10	0	
Morgan, Miss				10	0	
Morlock, Messrs. & Co.	1	0	6			
Morris, Mrs. Capel				3	3	0
Mount-Stephen, Lord and Lady	100	0	0			
Muddiman, A. P., Esq.	2	6				
Mullins, Mrs. E. A.				1	1	0
Munro, Miss H. (collected)	7	6				
National Church League (Upper Norwood							
Branch), per Lady Ford	1	1	0			
Neame, G. H., Esq.	1	1	0			
Nettlefold, F., Esq.				10	10	0
Newman, Ludwig, Esq.				2	2	0
Newberry, Mrs.	5	0	0			
Newton, John, Esq.	1	1	0			
Nobbs, J. H., Esq.				1	1	0
Notting, Wm., Esq.				1	1	0
Northampton, The Rt. Hon. The Marquis of					5	0	0
Ogle, Miss				5	0	0
Ogle, Mrs.				1	0	0
Paget, Mrs. R. M.				1	1	0
Palmer, Miss				2	10	0
Parr, Mrs. S. H.	10	0				
Paulin, Mrs.				1	1	0
Paxton, Miss J. F.				1	1	0
Peacey, Wm., Esq., M.D.				2	0	0
Pells, Mrs.				5	0	
Pentland, Miss				1	1	0
Phelps, Miss				1	1	0
Pilkington, E. M. S., Esq. (per "G. M. C.")	1	0	0			
Pontifex, Marshall, Esq.				1	1	0
Pontifex, Mrs.				10	0	
Pope, Miss				1	0	0
Pott, Mrs.				2	2	0
Proceeds of Concert, Public Hall, Croydon							
(per B. W. Cummins, Esq.)	19	0	2			
Prout, The late E., Esq.				1	1	0
Quare, Mr. and Mrs.	2	2	0			
Rae, W., Esq.	1	1	0			
Ramsey, Miss				1	1	0
Ramsey, Mrs. Williamson				5	5	0
Ranken, Mrs.				1	1	0
Ransom, Alfred, Esq.				1	1	0
Rashdale, Miss L. (collected)	10	0				
Amounts forward	£510	10	4	520	18	6

	Donations.			Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amounts forward ..	510	10	4	520	18	6
Rawsthorne, H., Esq.				1	1	0
Reekitt, Mrs. Geo.				1	1	0
Reed, G. H., Esq.,				10	6	
Reep, The Misses				1	1	0
Rendell, Miss				10	0	
Roberts, Caradog, Esq.				1	0	0
Roberts, Reuben, Esq.				5	0	
Robinson, J. H., Esq.				2	2	0
Roehe, Mrs. G. B.				1	1	0
Ronald, Mrs. Byron	1	1	0			
Rooke, Mrs.				1	1	0
Rumsay, Mrs. Almarie	1	1	0			
Russell, J. A., Esq.				1	1	0
St. Germans, The Rt. Hon. The Earl of ..				1	1	0
Salter, Miss	7	0				
Samuel, The Misses				2	2	0
" S. B. S."				2	2	0
Schuster, L. F., Esq.				2	2	0
Schwartz, C. E. R., Esq.				1	1	0
Seccombe, The late Mrs.				1	1	0
Selby, The late Rt. Hon. Viscount ..				3	3	0
Sharp, The Rev. John				1	1	0
Sharp, Wm., Esq.				2	2	0
Shawe, Miss E.				5	0	
Shrubsall, G., Esq., J.P.				2	2	0
Shuttleworth, Lord				2	2	0
Shuttleworth, Mrs.				1	1	0
Simpson, H., Esq.	10	0				
Simpson, Mrs.				1	0	0
Small, Mr. and Mrs. (subscription 1908-9)	1	1	0	2	2	0
Smith, C., Esq.				10	6	
Smith, F. L., Esq.				1	1	0
Smith, George, Esq.,				1	1	0
Smith, G. Poole, Esq.				1	1	0
Smith, J., Esq.				2	2	0
Smith, Miss E.				10	6	
Smith, Miss Grace M.	5	0				
Smith, Mrs. Henry				1	1	0
Soames, Miss	1	1	0			
South, Miss M. F.				2	2	0
Speyer, Sir Edgar, Bart.	500	0	0	20	0	0
Spottiswoode, Miss Augusta				1	1	0
Sprague, Mrs.				1	1	0
Stapley & Smith, Ltd., Messrs.	3	3	0			
Stevens, F., Esq.	1	1	0			
Stevens, Miss C.	10	0				
Stewart, Major-General G. (subscription 1908-9)				2	0	0
Stichel, D. C., Esq.	20	0	0			
Strachan, Mrs.				1	1	0
Amounts forward ..	£1,040	10	4	590	11	0

	Donations.			Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amounts forward ..	1,040	10	4	590	11	0
Strachan, Colonel A., C.B.				1	0	0
Strange, Miss L. G.				2	2	0
Strong, J. B., Esq.				10	6	
"Sunday at Home." From Readers of the		5	0			
Sutton, A. W., Esq.				2	2	0
Symons, Simon, Esq.	3	3	0			
Talintyre, Mrs.				10	6	
Tapling, Messrs. Thos. & Co., Ltd. ..				1	1	0
Taylor, Miss B.	1	0	0			
Taylor, S., Esq.				1	1	0
Tebb, Miss E.				1	1	0
Tebb, Mr. and Mrs. Wm.				2	2	0
Tebb, Mrs.				1	1	0
Tennant, J., Esq.				1	1	0
Thankoffering	5	0	0			
Thomas, Miss	2	2	0			
Thompson, Mr. and Mrs.				2	2	0
Thompson, Mrs.				1	1	0
Thompson, S., Esq.	1	0	0			
Thompson, Sir H. F. H.				3	3	0
Tollemache, Miss				10	6	
Torkington, Miss A.				10	6	
Torkington, Miss E.				10	6	
Townsend, John, Esq., J.P.				2	2	0
Trew, Philip, Esq., J.P.	1	1	0			
Tritton, Lady	5	0	0			
Tubbs, Mrs. F. C.				1	1	0
Turner, Miss				5	0	
Turner, Mrs. Kirby. . . .				10	6	
Turner, W. F., Esq.				5	0	
Tyer, Miss E. M.				10	6	
Vickess, The Misses R. E. and S. E. ..				5	0	
Vidall, Miss	5	0				
Vincy, Mrs.				1	0	0
Von Braun, Mrs.				1	1	0
Voss, Hermann, Esq.	2	2	0			
Voysey, The Rev. Chas.				1	1	0
Walker, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hay (donation for 1909-10)	20	0	0			
Wall, Wm., Esq.				1	1	0
Waller, The Rev. J.				1	1	0
Walrond, Miss M.				2	2	0
Walton, Miss						
Ward, Miss M. W. (collected)	4	0				
Warde, Miss				1	1	0
Warren, Miss (subscription for 1908-9) ..				4	4	0
Warren, T. P., Esq.				2	2	0
Wedmore, E. T., Esq.				1	1	0
Amounts forward ..	£1,081	12	4	633	11	6

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amounts forward ..	1,081	12	1	633	14	6
Wedmore, Mrs. Frederick					10	6
Welch, Miss M.				1	1	0
Wells, T. H., Esq.				1	1	0
West, Miss M. C. (donation in memory of R. G. West, Esq.)	10	6			10	6
Westbury, Lady				2	2	0
Western, E. Y., Esq.				2	2	0
Western, Geo., Esq.				5	5	0
Westlake, Mrs.				3	3	0
Westmore, Mr. and Mrs. A. S.				1	1	0
White, Mr. and Mrs. R. H.	5	0				
White, Mrs.				1	0	0
White, Mrs. Orr				2	2	0
Whitfield, Mrs.				1	0	0
Whitworth, G. C., Esq.				1	1	0
Wigan, Miss Kate					2	6
Wilkinson, C., Esq.	10	10	0			
Wilkinson, Mrs.					10	0
Willett, Miss				1	1	0
Wire, Miss Agnes M.				1	1	0
Wire, Miss Agnes M. (collected)	11	0				
Wright, F. C., Esq.				1	10	0
Wright, Mrs. Frank				1	1	0
"W. S. H."				1	1	0
Young, Edward, Esq.	1	1	0			
Young, Godfrey, Esq.				2	2	0
Y.W.C.A. (collected)	12	0				
Totals	£1,095	1	10	£644	2	0

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Ancaster, Lady	7	10	0
Armitage, Miss	60	0	0
Auger, Mr.	9	15	0
Ball, A. A., Esq.	10	10	0
Baugh, Mr. F.	25	0	0
Bennett, Mr. C. H.	15	0	0
Bradford Institution for the Blind	7	10	0
Buckingham, Mr. M. C.	24	10	0
Burrell, Mr.	20	0	0
Buscall, R. H., Esq.	63	10	0
Bussell, Mrs.	8	0	0
Campbell, Sir Francis J., LL.D.	30	14	6
Cartwright, Mr. G.	45	0	0
Caslake, Mr. W.	25	0	0
Chapin, Miss J.	1	0	0
Chapin, Mrs. R. W. (per Miss Chapin)	1	0	0
Chapin, R. W., Esq. (per Miss Chapin)	1	10	0
Church Army, The	11	10	0
Clarke, Mr. Wm.	9	0	0
Cocks, E. Somers, Esq. (per Miss Chapin)	1	0	0
Cottage, Mr. A.	15	0	0
Crook, Mr. Wm.	7	10	0
Custance, Mr. H. G.	17	10	0
Dalzell, Mrs.	7	10	0
Doughty-Wylie, Mrs.	35	0	0
Edinburgh Committee (per Andrew Scott, Esq.)	30	0	0
Fairburn, Mr. A.	3	15	0
FitzGibbon, J. B., Esq.	24	10	0
Fleining, Mr.	10	10	0
Foster, Mr.	1	6	4
Franks, Mr. R.	6	10	0
Gardner Trustees	2,760	0	0
" " (Technical)	440	0	0
Gilchrist, Jas., Esq.	35	0	0

Amounts forward .. £3,776 0 10

	£	s.	d.
Amounts forward ..	3,776	0	10
Giles, Mr. G.	31	10	0
Glasgow Committee (per A. Henderson, Esq.) ..	50	0	0
Gourley, C. J., Esq. ..	17	10	0
Green, Mr. Wm.	17	10	0
Greg, Mrs.	25	0	0
Guardians :—			
Basford	18	10	0
Bermondsey	25	0	0
Brighton	11	9	2
Bristol	25	0	0
Cardiff	19	10	0
Croydon	18	15	0
Hackney	12	10	0
Lancaster	18	15	0
Lutterworth	6	5	0
Lymington	25	0	0
Middlesbrough	25	0	0
Newcastle-on-Tyne ..	25	0	0
Paddington	16	4	6
Romford	37	10	0
St. Pancras	6	5	0
Strood	35	0	0
Tendring	25	0	0
West Derby	12	13	7
West Ham	50	0	0
Wigan	25	0	0
Guild of Social Workers among the Blind, Cardiff (per Mrs. Fiddian)	3	12	0
Hants and Isle of Wight School and Home for the Blind ..	5	0	0
Hill, Mrs.	17	0	0
Howard de Walden and Seaford, The			
Right Hon. Lord	29	5	0
Huddersfield Home Teaching Society	85	0	0
Hunt, The Rev. A.	25	0	0
Irwin, Mr. J. C.	10	0	0
Jameson, T., Esq.	70	0	0
King, Mr. R.	65	0	0
Kirkpatrick, Mrs.	35	0	0
Lakeman, N. F., Esq.	40	0	0
Langholf, Lieut.-General Aug.	30	0	0
Laurie, J. M., Esq.	25	0	0
Lawson, Mr. A.	25	0	0
Leslie, Mrs. (per Miss Chapin)	11	6	
Loe, Wm. E., Esq.	35	0	0
Lyons, T. S., Esq.	42	0	0
Marshall, Mr.	2	10	0
McMeekin, Mr. J.	31	10	0
Amounts forward ..	£4,932	6	7

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McMichael, Mr.	4,932	6	7
Merrick, Mr. W. Percy	21	0	0
Mickleburgh, Mr.	1	1	0
Murray, Mr. and Mrs. (per Miss Chapin)	32	10	0
Myerscough, Mr. A.	2	6	6
	22	0	7
Necms, E. W., Esq.	12	18	4
Nickalls, Sir Patteson	30	0	0
Norman, A. C., Esq. (per Miss Chapin)	1	0	0
Norman, Mr.	13	0	0
North Stafford Joint School Authority	8	5	8
North Stafford School for Deaf and Blind	2	8	5
Owen, Mr. Thos. M.	25	0	0
Page, Mr. W. S.	25	0	0
Perrins, C. W. Dyson, Esq.	9	15	0
Reed, Mr. G. H.	45	0	0
Riley, Mr. C.	7	10	0
Robinson, Mr.	6	10	0
Robinson, Mr. T.	6	5	0
Russell, C. H., Esq. (per Miss Chapin)	1	0	0
St. Davids, Lady	5	0	0
School Authorities :—				
Beckenham	26	5	0
Berkshire	15	0	0
Blackburn	25	0	0
Bradford	31	10	0
Bristol	28	0	0
Chiswick	2	10	0
Croydon	59	0	0
Cumberland	34	3	3
Durham	60	8	4
East Ham	35	0	0
East Suffolk	14	10	10
East Sussex	35	0	0
Flintshire	25	0	0
Folkestone	20	0	0
Gateshead	25	0	0
Glamorgan	34	0	0
Halifax	6	5	0
Hanley	9	8	8
Hove	15	0	0
Hull	17	10	0
Ilford	51	13	6
Kent	50	15	2
Lancashire	30	0	0
Leeds	15	7	8
Lewes	25	0	0
London (Elementary)	125	6	5
London (Gardner Scholarships)	80	0	0

Amounts forward .. £6,106 10 11

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					Amounts forward ..	6,106	10	11
London (Secondary)	100	0	0
Merthyr Tydfil	18	15	0
Middlesex	49	0	0
Mountain Ash	..	..	..	..	..	8	6	8
Newcastle	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Norfolk	..	..	..	..	..	7	10	0
Northamptonshire	..	..	..	..	..	9	8	7
Northumberland	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Nottingham	..	..	..	..	..	17	10	0
Penge	..	..	..	..	..	22	10	0
Pontypridd	..	..	..	..	..	8	6	8
Richmond (Surrey)	..	..	..	..	..	18	15	0
Rochdale	..	..	..	..	..	45	0	0
South Shields	..	..	..	..	..	18	15	0
Staffordshire	..	..	..	..	..	60	0	0
Stoke	..	..	..	..	..	11	10	0
Surrey	..	..	..	..	..	35	0	0
Twickenham	..	..	..	..	..	26	5	0
Tynemouth	..	..	..	..	..	15	0	0
West Ham	..	..	..	..	..	80	0	0
West Riding of Yorkshire	..	..	..	..	..	70	16	8
Willesden	..	..	..	..	..	46	10	0
Smith, Mr.	..	..	..	..	..	7	10	0
Spanner, Mr. E. F.	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Spittle, A., Esq.	..	..	..	..	..	39	0	0
Steel, Mr. W.	..	..	..	..	..	15	0	0
Stephen, W. H., Esq.	..	..	..	..	..	35	0	0
Swansea and S. Wales Institution for the Blind	..	..	..	..	..	10	7	8
Thomas, Mr.	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	0
Turner, Mr. J.	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Tyler, Mr. Wm.	..	..	..	..	..	4	10	0
Ureh, Mr. R. (collected)	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Uridge, Mrs.	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Walker, Mr. T.	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Warrington, Hon. Mr. Justice (per Miss Chapin)	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
White, Mr. A. P.	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Whitmore, The Rev. (per Miss Chapin)	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Williams, Mrs.	..	..	..	..	..	60	0	0
Wood, Mr. H. P.	..	..	..	..	..	13	5	0
Wyeth, J. H., Esq.	..	..	..	..	..	20	6	0
Total	..	..	..	..	..	£7,097	18	2

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS
TO THE
Mortgage Redemption Fund,

RECEIVED DURING 1909.

	Donations.			Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Adams, Miss L. M. C. 				5	5	0
Longhurst, Mr. and Mrs.				5	5	0
Roberts, C., Esq. 				10	0	
Roehe, G. B., Esq. 				2	2	0
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				£13	2	0
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Legacies during the Year.

	£	s.	d.
Hareourt, The Executors of the late B., Esq. 	250	0	0
Henriques, The Executors of the late Miss 	50	0	
McCall, The Executors of the late Geo., Esq. 	15	0	0
Ross, The Executors of the late Miss 	1,126	18	3
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	£1,441	18	3
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Special Contribution.

	£	s.	d.
Simpson, Mrs.	2	0	0

Legacies.

	£	s.	d.
Amounts received previously to 1899	19,076	17	4
1901. March 11. The late Abram Mocatta, Esq.	50	0	0
" September 2. The late R. Bowerman West, Esq.	400	0	0
1902. April 23. The late Mrs. Pate	200	0	0
1903. March 23. The late Mrs. Curzon	200	0	0
" June 29. The late Mrs. Neidhart	2	7	6
" December 31. The late Miss Doxat	1,000	0	0
1904. July 11. The late Miss Steele	450	0	0
" August 12. The late Miss L. B. Courtney	450	0	0
" " 15. The late Miss Flora Goldsmid	50	0	0
" September 26. The late B. Hocart, Esq.	100	0	0
" October 31. The late Mrs. J. L. M. Dearman	100	0	0
1905. January 19. The late G. J. Morton, Esq.	30	0	0
" March 3. The late Miss M. Doxat	1,000	0	0
" " 6. The late Thos. Hopkinson, Esq.	180	0	0
" " 29. The late Miss A. J. Bathurst	200	0	0
" July 19. The late F. D. Mocatta, Esq.	500	0	0
" August 3. The late Horace Harral, Esq.	500	0	0
1906. January 3. The late J. L. Toole, Esq.	250	0	0
" May 4. The late Miss Cohen	225	0	0
" June 18. The late Mrs. Hill	100	0	0
" July 31. The late A. F. Gardiner, Esq.	250	0	0
" October 19. The late Mrs. J. A. Jeggins.	90	0	0
" November 16. The late Dr. T. Trollope	100	0	0
1907. January 26. The late Mrs. Hill	100	0	0
" February 12. The late Miss Cohen	90	0	0
" May 3. The late J. L. Toole, Esq.	180	0	0
" July 19. The late A. F. Gardiner, Esq.	18	0	0
1908. January 31. The late J. P. Murphy, Esq., K.C.	900	0	0
" February 28. The late Geo. McCall, Esq.	91	11	10
" December 7. The late Mrs. Beaumont	25	0	0

Legacies received during 1909 are acknowledged on page 101.

REGULATIONS FOR VISITING THE COLLEGE.

Subscribers and friends who may wish to visit the College can do so on application to the Principal. Special Visitors' Day, first Thursday afternoon in each month, except during January, August, and September. Visitors will have an opportunity of inspecting the various departments from 3.15 p.m.

Parents or friends can visit the pupils on the first Wednesday in November, February, April, and June, between 3 and 5.30 p.m. If, for any special reason, parents wish to see their children at other times, they should write to the Principal for an appointment. As a rule, it is not expected that more than two friends will visit any pupil on the same afternoon. When visiting the College, parents are earnestly requested not to bring young children with them. *Friends cannot visit the pupils on Sunday; this rule is strictly enforced.* Parents are specially requested not to bring or send sweets or eatables to the children. If the children go out with their parents, they must not undertake commissions for other pupils.

The College is situated at Upper Norwood. The principal entrance is in Westow Street. An outline Map, showing the position of the College and of the different Railway Stations in the neighbourhood, will be found on the next page.

The Principal can be seen on business by appointment.

INFORMATION FOR INTENDING CONTRIBUTORS.

Annual Subscriptions, Donations, and Legacies are earnestly requested, and will be thankfully received by the Hon. Treasurer or by the Principal, at the College.

Cheques and Post Office Orders should be crossed, and may be drawn in favour of the Rt. Hon. Lord Stalbridge, Hon. Treasurer, or the Principal, F. J. Campbell, Esq., LL.D., "Windermere," Church Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.

The Principal will be happy to furnish any further information, and to forward copies of reports and various papers to all who may be willing to assist in bringing the claims of the College to the notice of the public.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

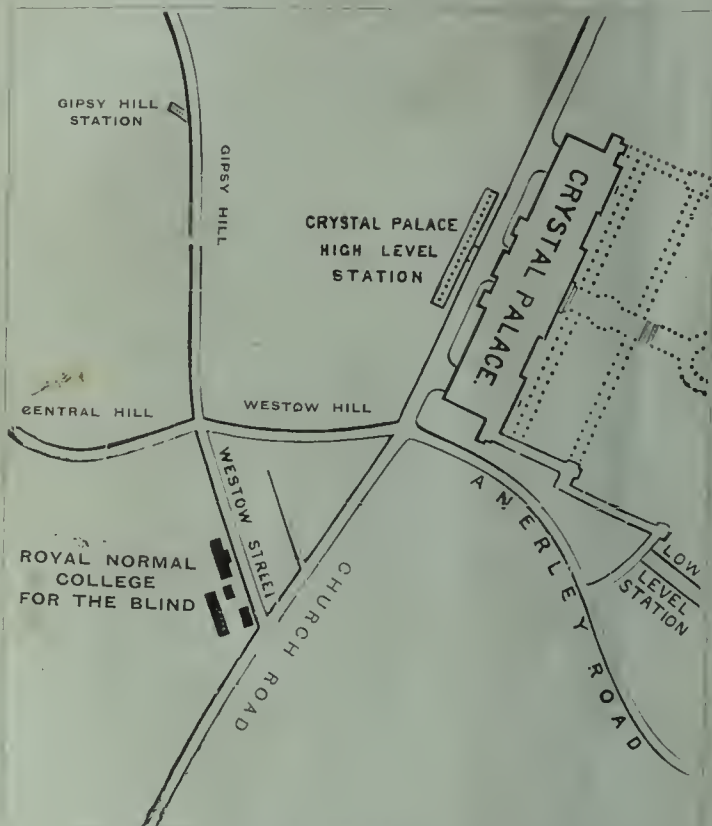
I bequeath to the ROYAL NORMAL COLLEGE AND ACADEMY OF MUSIC FOR THE BLIND, at Upper Norwood, for the general purposes of that Institution, the sum of _____, free of legacy duty, and the receipt of the Treasurer or one of the Treasurers for the time being of that Institution, shall be a good discharge for such legacy.

N.B.—Any property may now be given by Will for charitable purposes.

The Will or Codicil must be signed by the Testator in the presence of two witnesses, who must subscribe their names in his presence and in the presence of each other.

OUTLINE MAP.

Showing the Position of the College at Upper Norwood, and of the Railway Stations in the Neighbourhood.



The Public are cordially invited to visit this College.

Regulations for Visitors will be found on the 3rd page of the Cover of this Report.